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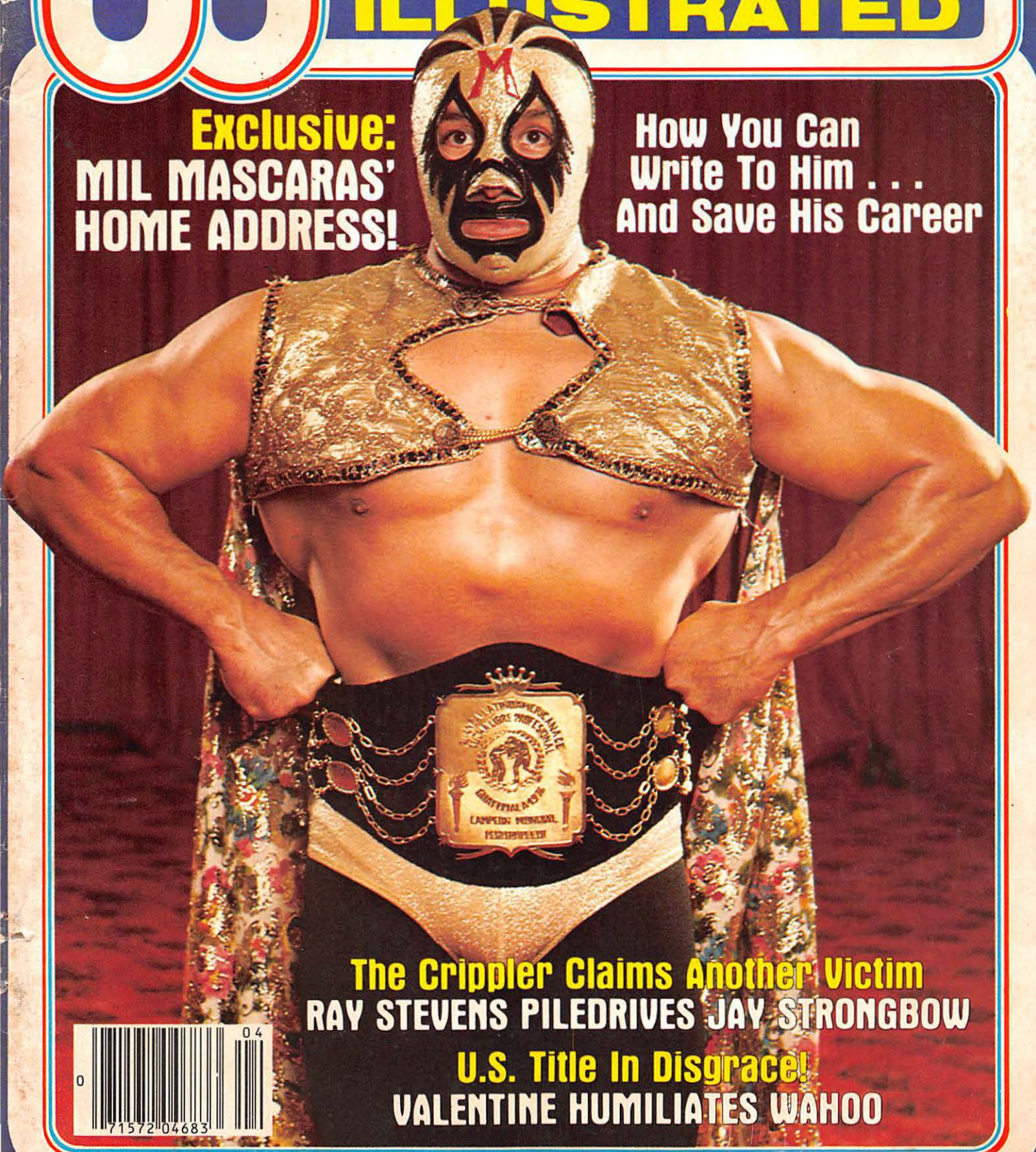

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The steadily growing income brought us many things we could not afford before. My efforts were so much more productive. I scheduled my time to my own liking. When we wanted a day or two off, we took it. I worked hard but, if I wanted to be home early or quit at noon, I did.

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That was good news to my ears. Since then I have worked with hundreds of our dealers in their own towns and at regional meetings, conventions and dealer group meetings, and by letter and telephone. All the top officers here take an interest in each dealer's success.

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present job, increase your income

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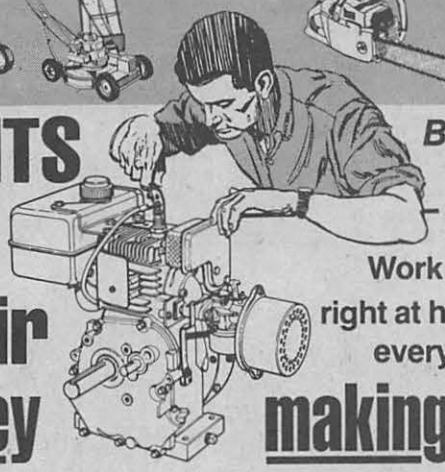

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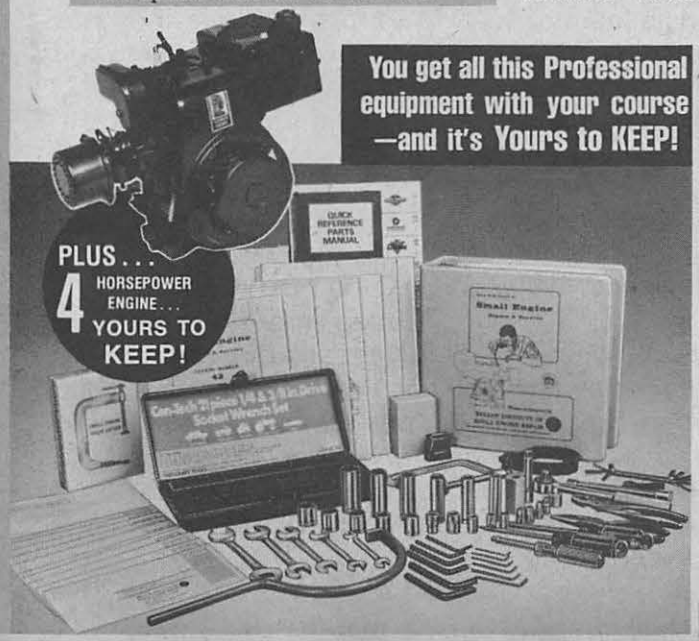
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DUSTY'S FLORIDA CAMPAIGN

I want to thank the editors of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* for their superb and sensitive job of reporting Dusty Rhodes' plight in the state of Florida ("Dusty Rhodes Weeps For Florida: 'They've Taken Over My State'" February 1983).

I think I speak for thousands of wrestling fans when I say that I support Dusty in his efforts to clean up Florida. Men like J.J. Dillon, Jim Garvin, and Kendo Nagasaki shouldn't even be allowed to set foot in the same ring as Rhodes.

The fans are behind you, Dusty, so don't stop. You've got Dillon and his men on the run, so keep that pressure on them. You'll clean them all out of Florida before they realize what happened to them!

SANDRA MARTIN
Orlando, FL

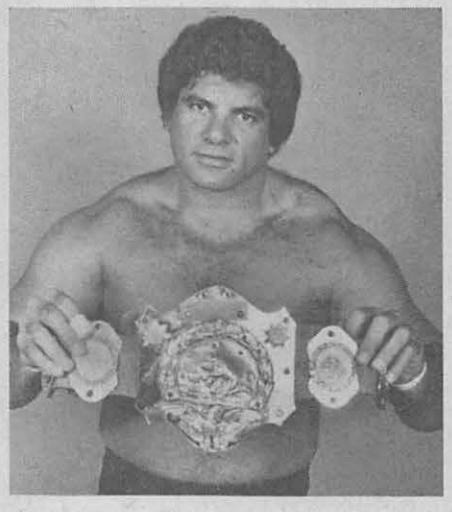
I want to just say how happy I was when Dusty Rhodes defeated Jim "The Weasel" Garvin for the Southern title. Rhodes is well on his way to getting men like Garvin and Dillon out of wrestling, and now that The American Dream has the help of Ron Bass, Garvin and Dillon will be gone that much sooner. Go get 'em, Dust!

EDDIE AXLEROD
Fort Lee, NJ

Congratulations, Dusty Rhodes! You've finally made a complete fool out of yourself. Poor baby, worried about Jim Garvin, aren't you? I thought you were The American Dream, I thought you didn't have to worry about weasels like Garvin. I thought you were so much better than men like him!

Forget it, Rhodes. You haven't got a chance. When Garvin gets back on the warpath, you'll wish you had never come back to Florida.

PHIL MARTINEZ
Tampa, FL



Magnificent Muraco, who recently returned to the WWF, is anxious to regain the Intercontinental title.

MURACO: A PROVEN COWARD

On a recent installment of WWF *All-Star Wrestling*. I saw that Don "Magnificent" Muraco has returned to the area under the guidance of Captain Lou Albano.

As you recall, Muraco was formerly in Georgia where he had declared allegiance with Roddy Piper.

As you also recall, Muraco physically attacked television commentator Gordon Solie on national television. Piper came to Solie's aid, defending him against Muraco. As a result, a feud developed between the two wrestlers.

Muraco's return to the WWF proves to me that he is a coward. He didn't have the nerve to face Piper, so he ran. "Magnificent" my butt!

ERIC PEER
White Oak, PA

WE LOVE YOU, JAY

Please, someone help! Sgt. Slaughter and Don Kernodle are killing wrestling. The Mid-Atlantic area is going to pieces, and nobody seems to care.

These two so-called NWA champions are trying to

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THE BIG BULLY! I'LL GET EVEN SOME DAY
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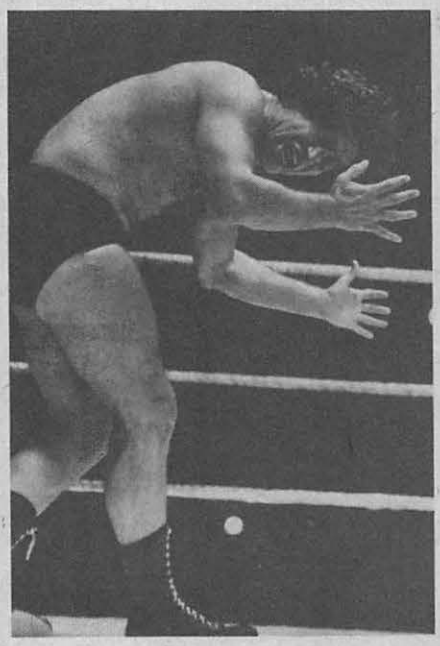
DARN IT! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING A SCARECROW! CHARLES ATLAS SAYS HE CAN GIVE ME A REAL BODY. ALL RIGHT! I'LL GAMBLE A STAMP AND GET HIS FREE BOOK!
BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE ATLAS LONG TO DO THIS FOR ME! WHAT MUSCLES! THAT BULLY WON'T SHOVE ME AROUND AGAIN!
THERE'S THAT BIG STIFF AGAIN, SHOWING OFF IN FRONT OF GRACE AND THE CROWD. WELL IT'S MY TURN THIS TIME!
WHAM! - NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
OH, MAC! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!

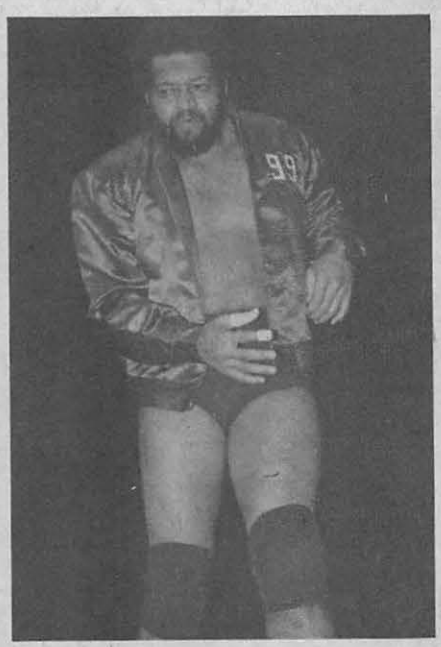
RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter



Jack Brisco made a mental error that cost him the U.S. title.

Mr. Wrestling II outwrestled Mr. Olympia to win the Mississippi title.



Ernie Ladd, wrestling as a fan favorite in Georgia, is advising Butch Reed.

JACK BRISCO IS a very intelligent man. One would not think he could possibly be deprived of a title on a mental error. But it happened.

Jack's friend Wahoo McDaniel had been injured and could not honor his contractual commitment to challenge Greg Valentine for the U.S. title. So Wahoo suggested that Jack step in as his replacement. All seemed fine. Jack agreed, Valentine agreed, and even Valentine's manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink, agreed.

Brisco pinned Valentine and *took* the belt. However, he *did not win* the belt. Jack Brisco never signed an official contract. The match was invalid. The victory meant absolutely nothing.

"It completely slipped my mind!" Brisco said angrily at a post-match press conference. "Now that everyone knows who the better man is, I'd be very surprised if Humperdink would approve an official title match. But I have no one to blame but myself."

Mr. Wrestling II has added another title to his list of career-long accomplishments with a victory over Mississippi champion Mr. Olympia. Olympia offered no excuses after losing the thrilling scientific encounter. "II was the better man tonight. There will be another day for me, and I will regain the belt. It is no shame to lose to that man."

"He is one of the finest competitors I have ever faced," II said. "I wish all my opponents could give me the good scientific battle Olympia did."

"Big Cat" Ernie Ladd, having broken ties with manager James J. Dillon in Florida, is now wrestling in the Georgia area. Ladd appears to be moving away from the rule-breaking fold and has become an unofficial advisor to Hacksaw Butch Reed. "I have heard a lot of bad things about Ladd, but also some real good things," Reed said. "I don't fully trust him yet, but I have a feeling he is sincere in his wish to help me run some of the egg suckin' dogs out of Georgia. I am speaking about Super Destroyer, Masked Superstar and, of course, that pain in the rear, Buzz Sawyer. Ladd has some real hostile feelings toward these dudes and he has absolutely nothing against me. There's no real reason why I shouldn't trust him, but I'm gonna be very careful anyway."

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KING'S COURT

By Peter King

"I KNEW YOU'D be coming. I had a vision."

Kevin Sullivan's eyes burned brightly, unnaturally. I was frightened by their glassy appearance, as if they were unable to focus on any object in this world. It was if Sullivan were looking right through me.

"I ordered you to come to Florida," Sullivan told me. "You had no choice. A week ago, right before I went to sleep, I went into a trance and my mind connected with yours. You are not here out of free choice. You had *no* choice."

I started to laugh—until I realized Sullivan was not joking. There was not a trace of mirth on Sullivan's face. His eyes just burned with their unnatural brilliance.

"C'mon, Kevin," I said. "I've known you since you were a rookie in the WWF. I don't know what game you're playing, but you can't fool me." Unfortunately, my voice was very shaky, betraying my inner fears. Outwardly, this was indeed Kevin Sullivan. But inwardly, it was a completely different person. It was as if the Kevin Sullivan I knew had ceased to exist.

"I'm not the same person I once was, right?" Sullivan said. "That's what you're thinking, isn't it?" There must have been a look of shock on my face, because Sullivan started to laugh. "King, don't try and understand me. I am a power, an entity, far in excess of anything you have ever seen. There is a very wild time coming on this planet. You may call it evil. I call it destiny. Just like your being here today."

I remember Sullivan as a likable, fun-loving person. Even during his sometimes conversion to rulebreaker, Sullivan, as a man, was not someone you could hate. But now, this man in front of me was not someone I wanted to be around.

"Look, Kevin," I said, "I had this trip to Florida planned for some time, you didn't order me here. If you think you can control me, or anyone else for that matter, well, then I think you're in need of help."

"I don't care what you think," he replied without looking at me. "I ordered you to come to Florida last Thursday. When did you

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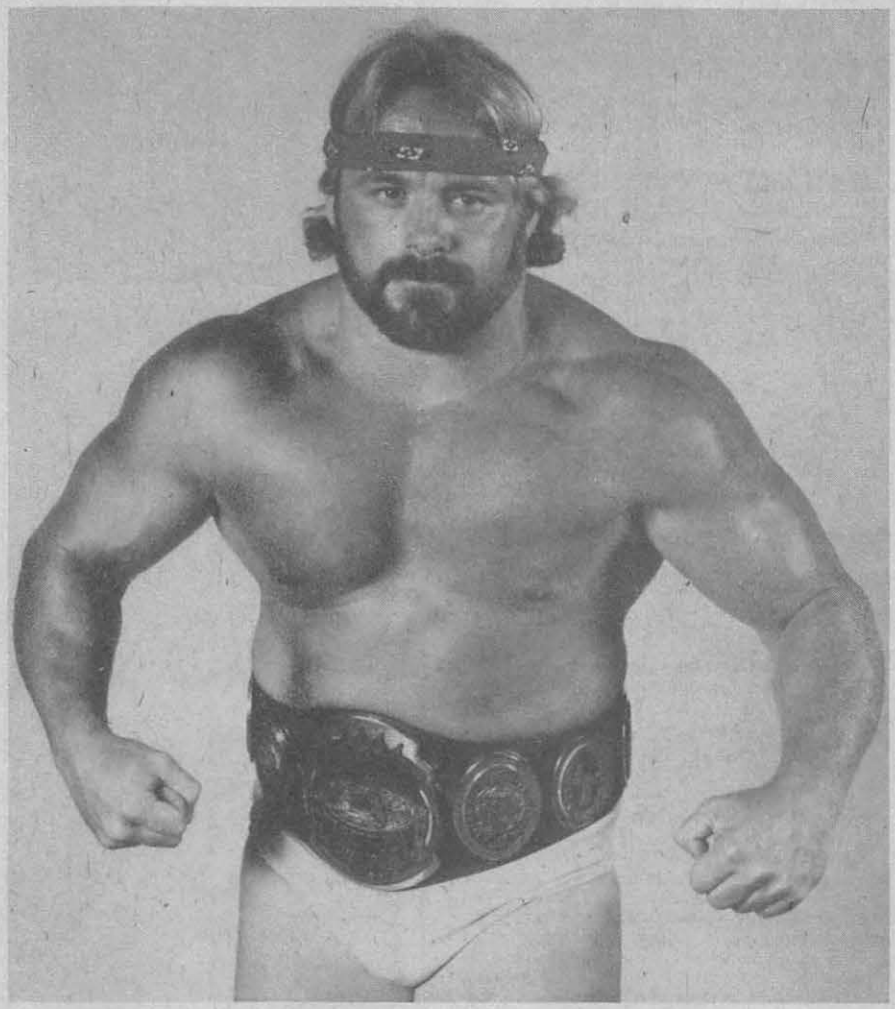

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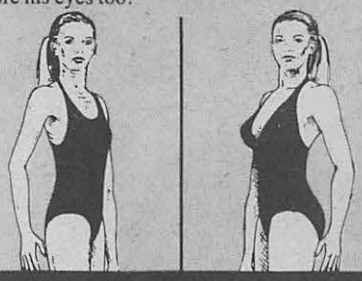

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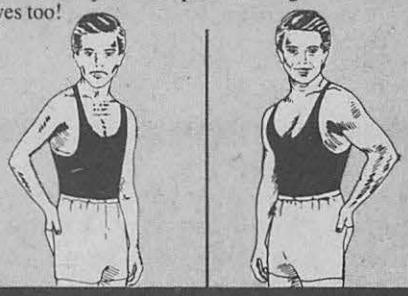

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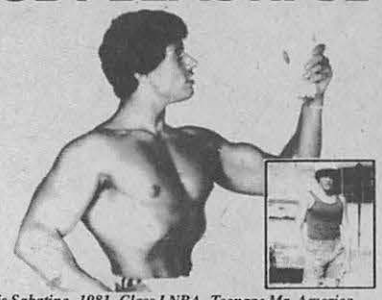

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BARRY WINDHAM

"There's something very strange going on here in Florida. Kevin Sullivan is getting into some very dangerous territory that has to do with devil worship and Satanism. I'm not familiar with these kinds of supernatural things, but I have a gut feeling that if Sullivan keeps playing this game, he's going to cause his own downfall."

HACKSAW BUTCH REED

"There are some pretty stupid people wrestling in Georgia, and by this I'm talking about Ivan Koloff, Ole Anderson, and Mad Dog Buzz Sawyer. They just can't seem to get it through their thick heads that they stand no chance of taking over the state as long as I'm here. Look, fellas, Hacksaw Butch Reed is here in Georgia to stay, and I'm going to take care of scum like you. That's something you can take to the bank, brothers!"

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ON ASSIGNMENT

BY LIZ HUNTER

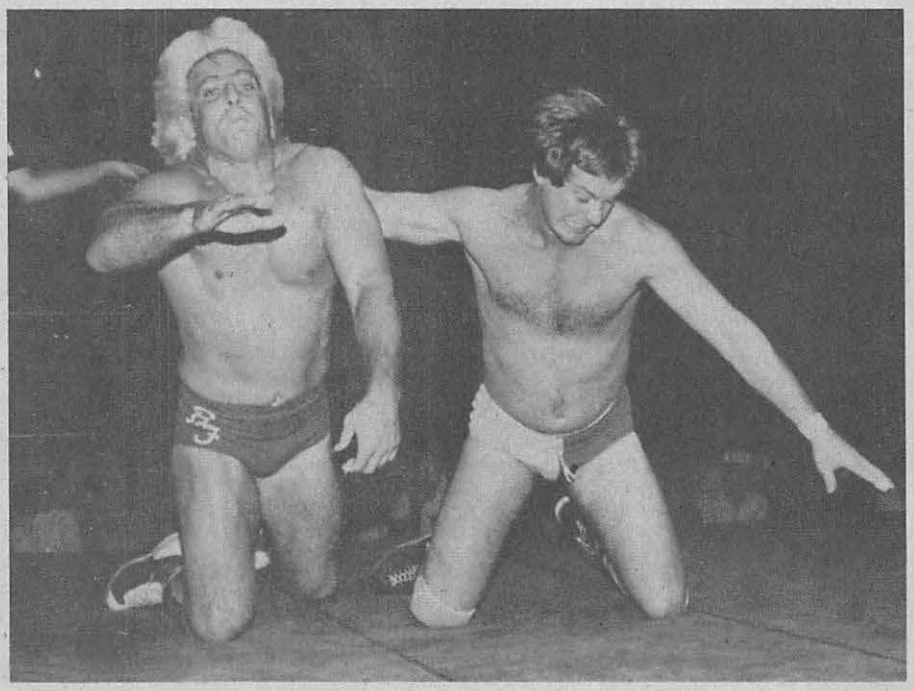
IT WAS IN a diner somewhere between Charlotte, North Carolina, and nowhere that I met Roddy Piper. There was much to talk about. One thing Roddy Piper does better than anyone else is talk.

The diner was run by an elderly woman and what we assumed was her teenage grandson. These people spend their lives working at what they do best, not expecting much deviation from their daily routines. When Roddy Piper, professional wrestler and television celebrity, walked into their lives, they were stunned, at least for the first few minutes. Before our conversation ended, it seemed like everyone in a 50-mile radius had heard about Roddy and had come to take a look.

From the beginning, I knew something was wrong. When Roddy was the hero of Georgia wrestling, he would walk right up to you and start boasting. His eyes stared right into yours, always watching your reaction. Every sentence was designed to excite. His was an exhilarating and exhausting presence.

This day, he wearily walked toward me and then slumped in his chair. His eyes never met mine. There was a strange tone in his voice, as if he felt words had betrayed him once and he didn't trust what he was about to say.

"You don't want to be here, do you?" I began.



While he was in Georgia, Roddy Piper spent too much time as a television announcer and not enough as a wrestler. Now that he has returned to the Mid-Atlantic area, title matches with Ric Flair are easier in coming.

He shook his head, then said, "This is something I have to do. I've left a lot of things undone. That's never happened to me before."

"Why did you leave Georgia without saying anything?"

"Sometimes there's nothing to say. You know, there's not much difference between nothing to say and too much that must be said. I left, and I wish I could leave it at that."

Astoundingly, I felt myself being protective of him. This was Roddy Piper, once the brashest man in wrestling, and I know it was important that I protect his feelings. Putting aside my list of questions, I decided to let him lead the conversation. There was obviously something he wanted to say, and he would get around to it in time.

"You know," Piper began, "I've never seen a sight that didn't look better looking back. Most of my life has been spent making sure I depended on no one and no one depended on me. Being able to leave with no questions asked has always been my aim in life.

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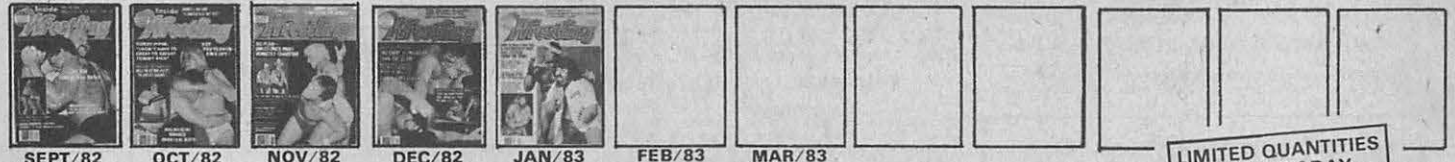

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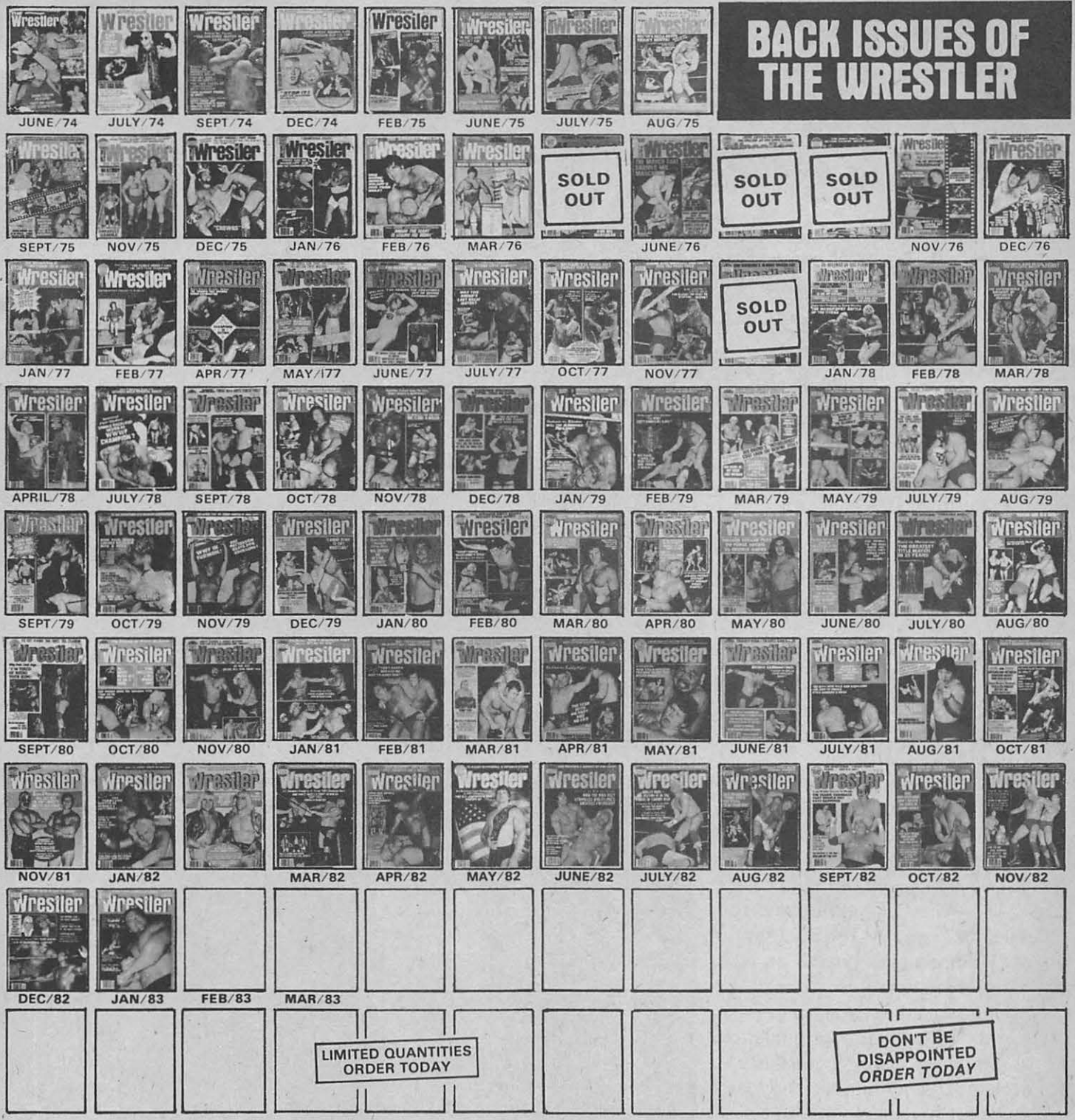

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DRESSING ROOM

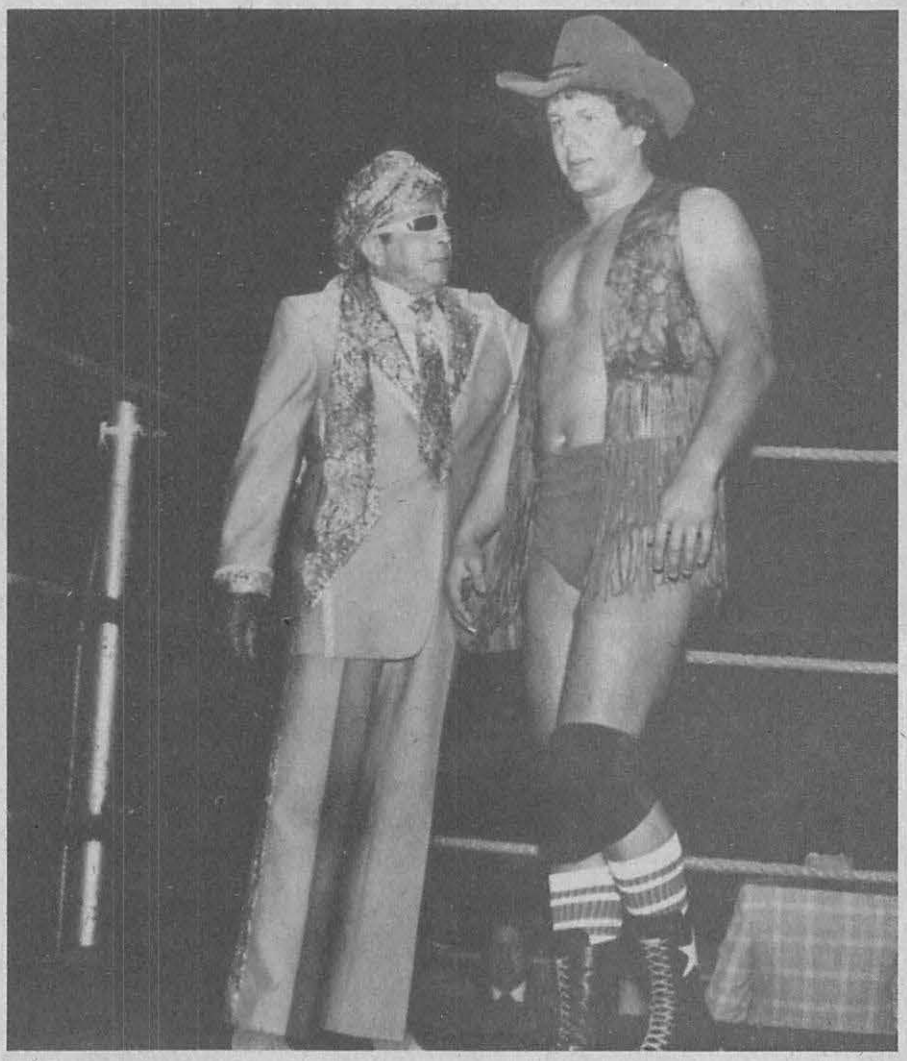
By Stu Saks

SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK'S face turned a deep shade of red. It embarrassed him to think about; he wasn't too keen on the idea of talking about it, either.

Oliver wanted Cowboy Bob Orton for his very own. He announced the addition of Orton to the House of Humperdink even before Orton arrived in the Mid-Atlantic area. Humperdink is a man who usually gets what he wants, and the idea of adding Orton to a stable that already includes Paul Jones, Leroy Brown, Greg Valentine, and Jos LeDuc was very intriguing to him.

And what an addition Orton would make to the Hideous House of Humperdink. Orton, in this reporter's estimation, is one of the five most skilled wrestlers in the world. With the proper guidance, he could be a dominant force—perhaps *the* dominant force—in the sport for many years to come.

The Grand Wizard was not the man to provide that needed guidance. Rather than bring Orton along slowly and letting him ease his way up the ratings to a shot at WWF champion Bob Backlund, the Wizard pushed—and pushed hard. By the time Orton received his title opportunity, he had already been through several grueling wars with Intercontinental champion Pedro Morales and was a spent wrestler. After failing to take Backlund's title, Orton announced he would be taking a much-needed rest in his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri, before starting in the Mid-Atlantic.



Although The Grand Wizard was pivotal in bringing Cowboy Bob Orton into the WWF, as well as securing many major matches for the young star, he is not the manager that Orton needs to guide him to fulfull his potential.

That's when Humperdink announced that he and Orton agreed to a contract—a contract that we now know has a loophole

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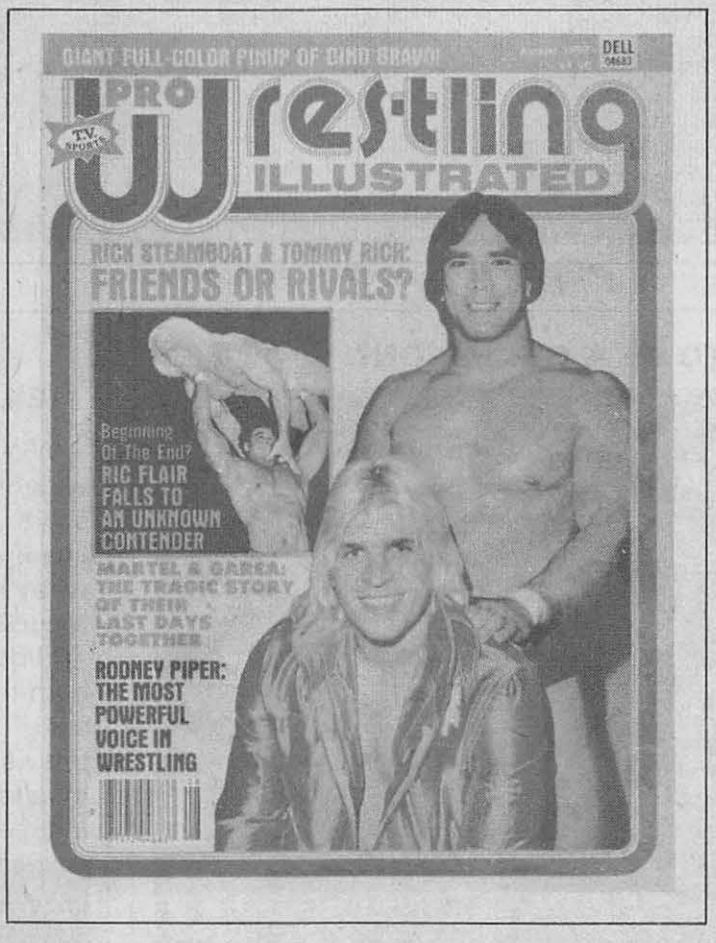
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With CRAIG PETERS

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EDDIE GILBERT & TIGER MASK

We may yet have a new WWF junior heavyweight champion in Eddie Gilbert, but he's certainly got his work cut out for him.

Gilbert has been following current champion Tiger Mask (who also holds the NWA junior heavyweight title) all over the world in an attempt to wrest the title away from the masked star.

Some observers of the situation, including Eddie's famous wrestling father, Tommy Gilbert, feel that what Eddie is doing is bad for his career.

"Eddie has got his whole life and career ahead of him," said Tommy, "and though I would like to see him wearing that belt, I don't think it's too smart of him to be going after that title to the exclusion of everything else in his career."

Nevertheless, Eddie Gilbert's campaign against Tiger Mask continues. Should Gilbert win the title, he will have truly proven himself worthy; Tiger Mask is an excellent champion and a difficult man to defeat.

PEDRO SAYS HE'LL KEEP THE BELT

WWF Intercontinental heavyweight champion Pedro Morales says he will keep the championship belt no matter what kind of a challenge Magnificent Muraco puts up.

"I don't care what that beach bum tries to do to me," Morales said. "He's already been on television, he's insulted me, he's insulted my heritage, and he's insulted my title.

PEDRO MORALES

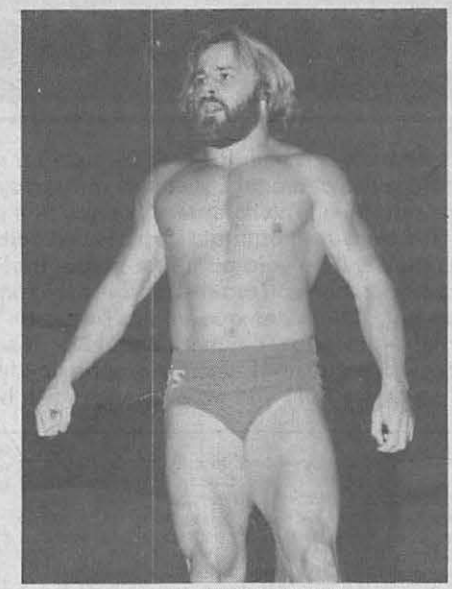
"Let me tell you one thing," Morales continues, "I am ready for *any* kind of action. I am ready for that bum, and I don't care what kind of help he gets from that bum of a manager of his, Lou Albano. They're both bums! Muraco will never wear this belt again as long as I'm still breathing!"

AND THEY CALL HIM . . . CHARLIE

"Permit me to introduce myself. I am reality. I am Charlie. And I am the Prince of Darkness."

This is how Kevin Sullivan has been introducing himself lately, and I don't know *what* to make of it.

We all know, of course, that the one and only Prince of Darkness is old Beelzebub himself, the devil. Now, I'm not saying that Kevin Sullivan is the devil, even though he may have gone off the deep end. But devil worship is as much a fact of life in America today as traditional forms of religion. I would be shocked, though not completely surprised, to find that Sullivan has slipped over the edge into Satanism.



KEVIN SULLIVAN

Kevin Sullivan has been involved in some strange things before, but this looks like the strangest of all. My only question is: Who is Charlie?

THEY'LL NEVER BE A TAG TEAM!

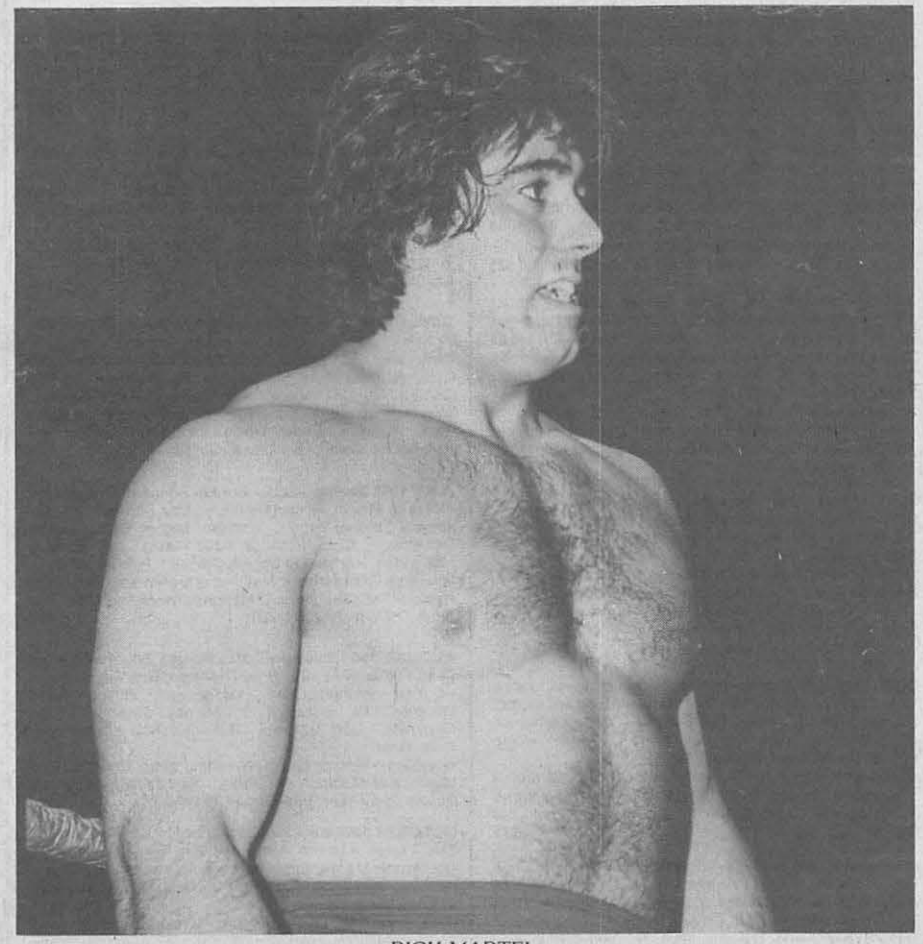
Am I the only one who noticed the close resemblance of Junkyard Dog and the masked wrestler by the name of Stagger Lee?

The Louisiana area has been thrilling to the wrestling skills of Stagger Lee, the reigning North American champion. But upon closer examination, I think that both men are one and the same.

Look at Stagger Lee and then look at Junkyard Dog: They both have the same physiques, they both exhibit very similar wrestling styles, and they both attack an opponent with the same furious intensity.

Like the headline says, I don't think you'll ever see Junkyard Dog and Stagger Lee together in a tag team match!

RICK MARTEL: INJURED BY BLACKWELL



RICK MARTEL

Rick Martel has been out of AWA action for several weeks as a result of a leg injury inflicted by Crusher Blackwell.

"I'm glad I crippled Rick Martel," said Blackwell, "and if I run into that little punk again I'll cripple his other leg. Then if he comes back a third time, I'll break both legs and tie them behind his back!"

The prognosis for Martel's recovery remained guarded as of press time, and Martel could not be located for comment.

This continues a bonebusting spree by Blackwell: The 475-pound mass of flesh also placed Steve O out of action by standing on his wrist and stomping Steve's arm with his boot.

"The little punks have to learn how to respect master veterans of wrestling like myself," Blackwell said. "If they don't learn a little respect . . . well, sometimes you just gotta beat it into them." □

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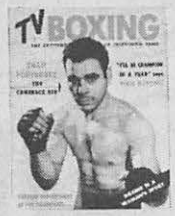

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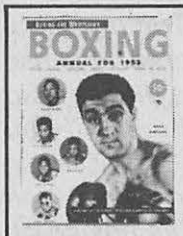

This cherished collector's issue consisted of 100 pages of seemingly endless photographs, statistics and complete records of the leading fighters of the day: Marciano, Robinson, Gavilan, DeMarco, Carter, Saddler, Moore. The list goes on and on. And well over 100 great pictures, some in a glowing red tint. We guarantee that this fabulous 1953 Boxing Annual will turn back the clock and make you feel like you are living in those times; thrilling to the unforgettable performances of some of the greatest fighters who ever lived. This was the first Boxing Annual ever published, and to this day it still retains its title: The Best of All Time—The Champion of Champions! **$50**

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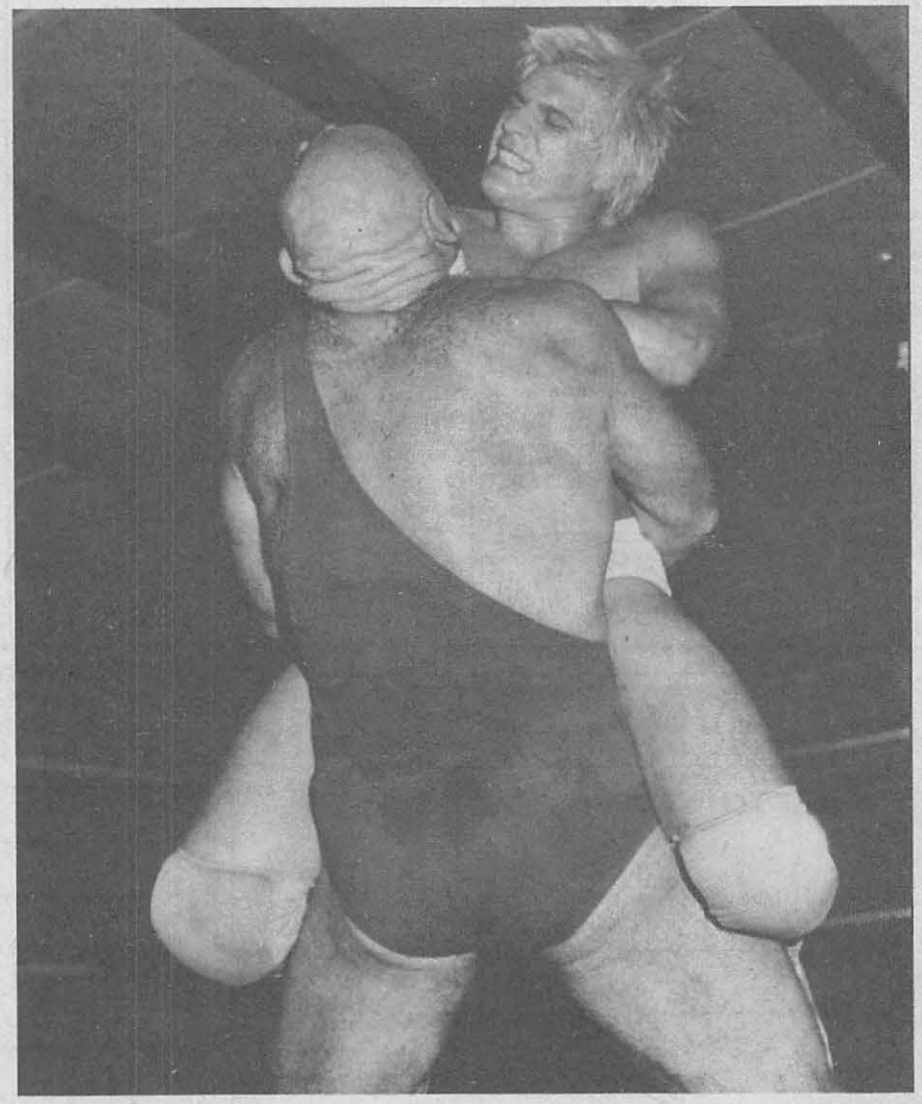
OFF THE TOP ROPE

By Dan Shocket

THOUGH I HATE repeating myself, sometimes it becomes necessary. Let me explain once again that I am not a mailman. If you want to write to certain wrestlers, send the letters to your local arena. If you're writing to Tommy Rich, print the letters large and use words of only one syllable. Also contact your local arena if you wish to become a professional grappler. It is unethical and illegal for me to give advice on entering the profession and then attempt to report on anyone I've aided. This column is for the exchange of opinions and nothing else. I'll probably have to repeat this in another three months. Wrestling fans, like dogs, can only learn by repetition.

And now, onto the letters.



Tommy Rich has got enough problems of his own dealing with superb wrestlers such as Ivan Koloff without having to attempt to read mail from idiotic fans. If you do write to Tommy, keep the words simple so he'll understand.

You Cretinous Slob!

Dan, darling, you have seriously disappointed me. I used to admire you. Your "Tommy Rich is wormslime because . . ." contest was fabulous.

But now you've gone too far. By expressing your feeble opinions about Roddy Piper,

you have dropped yourself into the lowest class of life on this planet, of which there are only two others existing—Tommy Rich and Peter King.

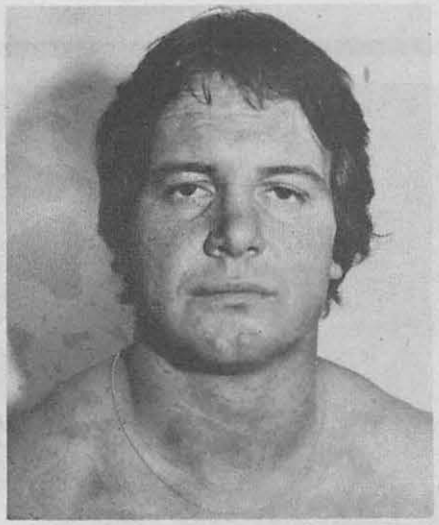
Piper, wrestling in the Mid-Atlantic area, is as rowdy as ever.

So go back to your boring idiocy and get off Piper. He's way out of your league, as you're just an amateur garbologist. You strike me as a truly sick person.

S. RIDEN
Winston-Salem, NC

You Initialed Idiot!

You have seriously disappointed me. It's depressing to know a professional garbologist of your ilk ever admired me. Piper is presently running scared from the man he should be. If hero worship has blinded you to this fact, you're pathetic as well as ignorant.



Whatever happened to Roddy Piper? Why does he retreat into a world of pathetic idiocy? Who knows? Who cares? Piper is wasting his talents now.

Dear Dan,

Do me a favor! Describe "wormslime" without using the names Tommy Rich, Ted DiBiase, or Michael Hayes.

JEFF CROUTHERS
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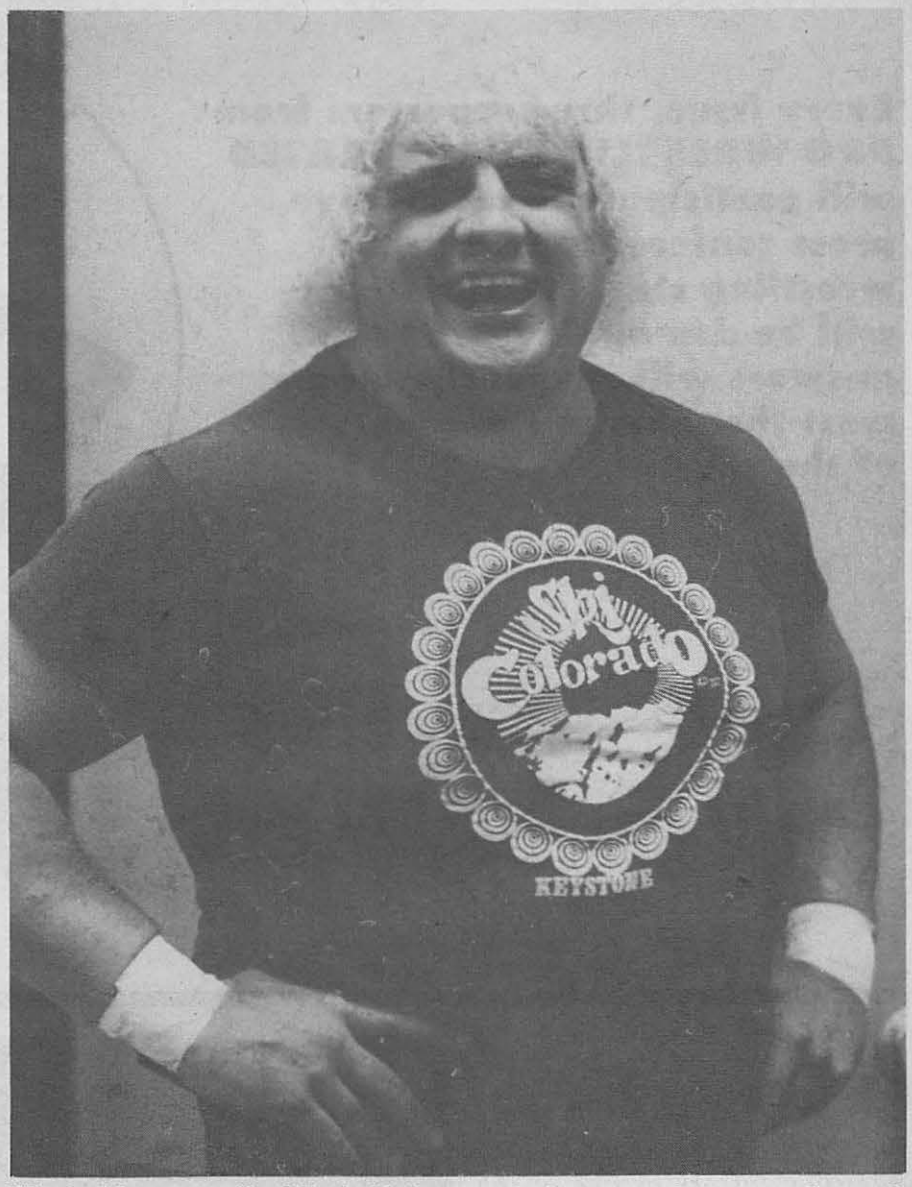
Dear Jeff,

Wormslime; *noun;* Dusty Rhodes.



Why is this man smiling? Probably because he just ate a nine-course dinner. If Dusty Rhodes wants to be a legitimate wrestler, why doesn't he get serious about the sport he is supposedly participating in? As it is now, the so-called "American Dream" is nothing but American Wormslime.

Dear Dan,

I am having trouble convincing my friend Jim Fraenkel that people like Paul Orndorff, Jack Brisco, Rick Martel, Ivan Putski (I could go on all day) are wormslime and wimpcryers. Do you have any advice?

ANDY BENTON
Williamsville, NY

Dear Andy,

Nothing worthwhile is easy. Calmly and logically, keep repeating the truth. Sooner or later, even the most ignorant person can no longer deny what is plain before him. When Jim finally sees the error of his ways, the result will be worth the trouble.

And in closing:

Tommy Rich is wormslime because he has two things in common with plants: Both love being in the sun and hate their roots to show!

DARLENE HAMMONS
Princeton, KY

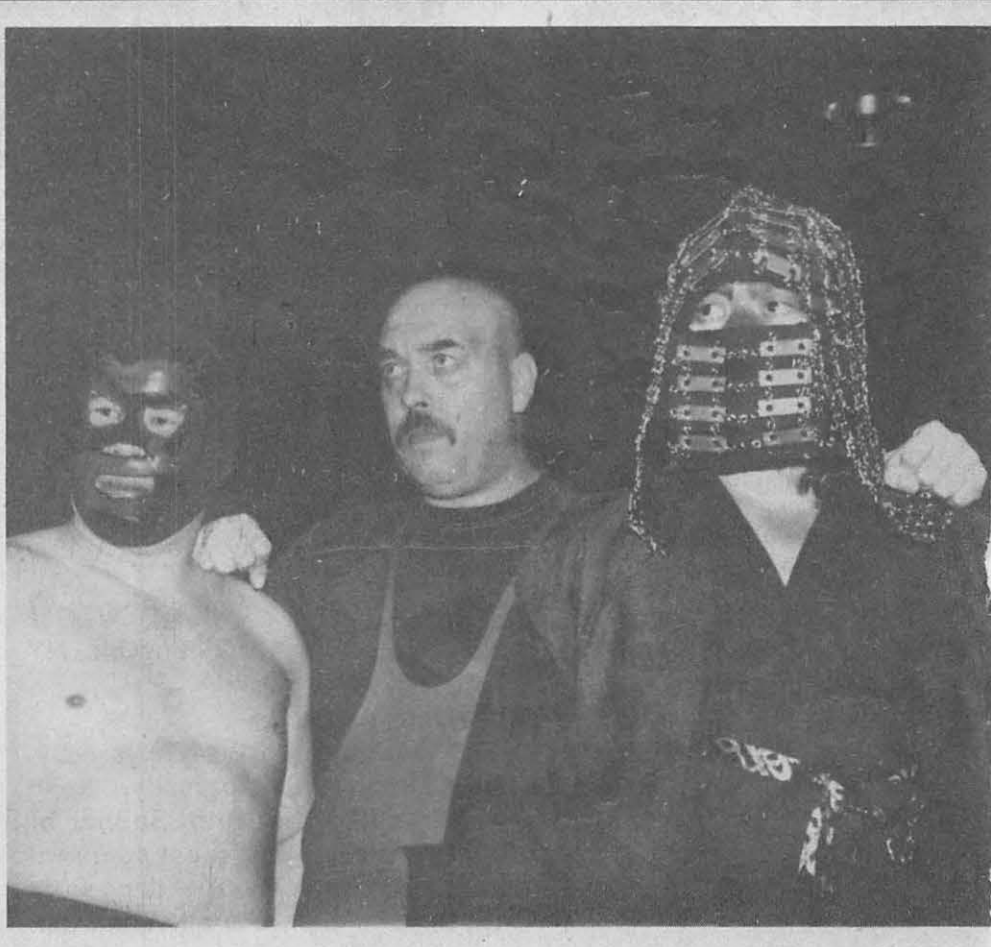
Tommy Rich is wormslime because he isn't even smart enough to correctly pronounce his chosen profession. The word is wrestling, not "rasslin'."

DAVID BITET
Dix Hills, NY □

Every issue, three reporters from PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED will participate in an incisive press conference with a top wrestling star. The questions will be demanding. And the answers will reveal the innermost thoughts of the giants of the sport

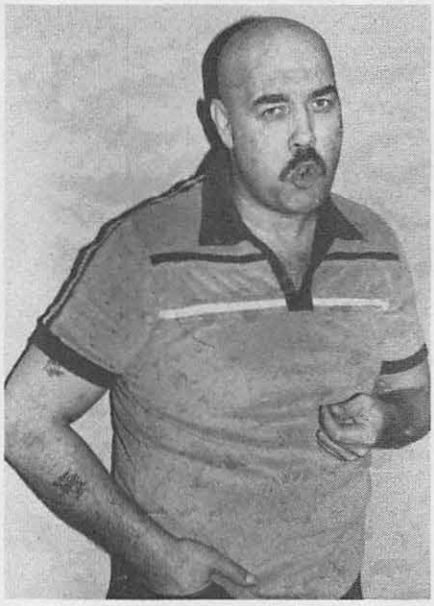
PRESS CONFERENCE

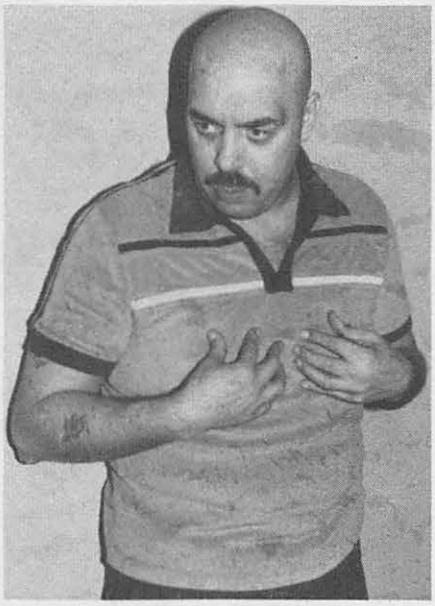
GARY HART

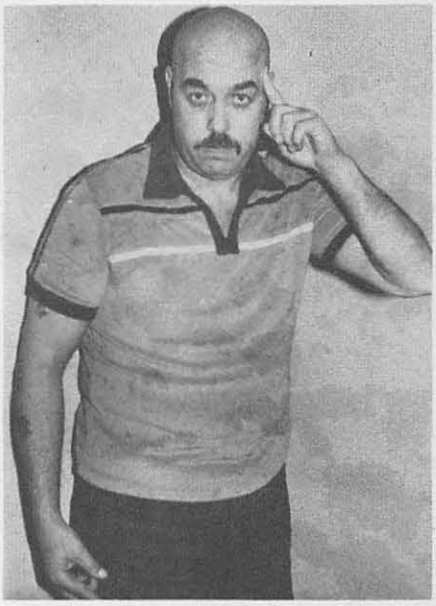


(Over the years, Gary Hart has etched his name into wrestling history as one of the most hated managers ever to step into an arena. His various stables have regularly run roughshod over entire areas. His cunning strategies and unscrupulous tactics have made him hated and feared throughout the sport. His latest stable contains the colorfully named grapplers Magic Dragon, King Kong Tonga, and the most hated of all, the Great Kabuki. The trio is wreaking havoc throughout Georgia and Texas. Steve Farhood, Rich Countis, and Liz Hunter spoke with Hart about his present and future plans.)

"The Von Erichs are fools and oafs. They are a disgrace to wrestling. I consider it my duty to the sport I love to drive them out."







RICH COUNTIS: How come all your wrestlers have such strange names?

GARY HART: How come all wrestling reporters have such strange faces? I don't choose wrestlers for their names, but for their ability.

LIZ HUNTER: Mr. Hart, you also seem to choose your wrestlers on their ability to break the rules without being caught.

HART: That's the kind of bad rap against me that you reporters love to perpetuate. My wrestlers don't cheat. Their moves are unique, and people assume that they must be illegal. The sport of wrestling has never rewarded innovation and imagination.

STEVE FARHOOD: Would you call Kabuki's ability to choke opponents with green fog imagination or innovation?

HART: Both. The man was born with a gift and he's smart enough to use it. Most people, if they were born with debilitating green fog belching from their mouths, wouldn't know how to benefit from it.

FARHOOD: Do you really expect us to believe he was born belching this vile gas?

HART: How else could you possibly explain it?

HUNTER: For starters, how about a small tube in his mouth, which would of course be clearly illegal?

HART: That's slander and I'm going to sue you.

HUNTER: I'm quaking in my boots. Do you consider it sportsmanlike to have a wrestler use a debilitating gas, no matter what the source?

HART: A man is entitled to use all his natural gifts in the ring. One of Kabuki's gifts is to gas his opponents. Why should he be penalized for being . . . more gifted than others?

COUNTIS: The Von Erichs wouldn't consider it a gift.

HART: The Von Erichs are fools and oafs. They are a disgrace to wrestling. I consider it my duty to the sport I love to drive them out. Managing is my whole life. If I can manage to remove the Von Erich blight from wrestling, my career can be considered a success.

FARHOOD: You've expanded your brutalities to Georgia . . .

HART: I do not engage in brutalities. I do engage in punching out reporters that get me angry.

HUNTER: We're really impressed with your bluster.

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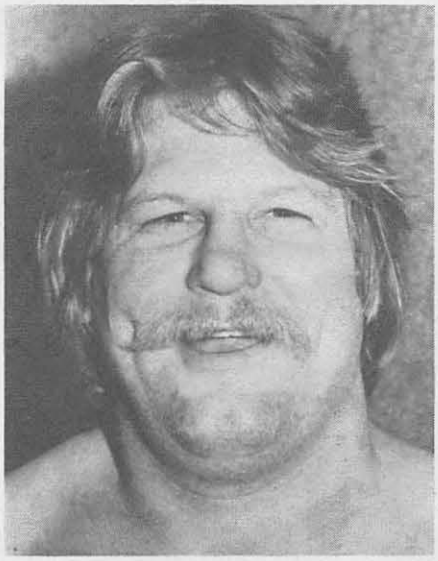
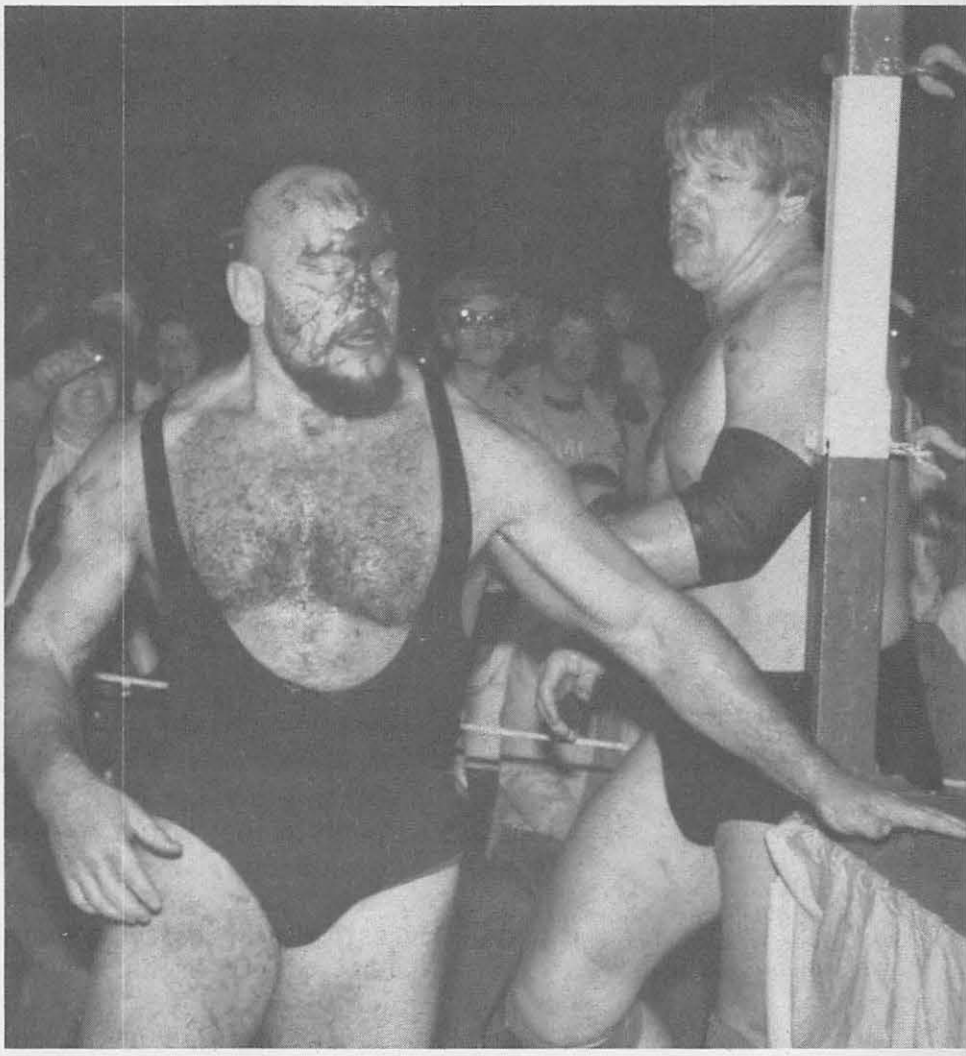
WHY STAN HANSEN'S CHANGE MAKES HIM A MARKED MAN

One of wrestling's most feared rulebreakers is trying to win the favor of the fans. To do so, Stan Hansen must face the hatred of his former and very dangerous friends. In this kind of war, courage may not be enough





Ivan Koloff runs from Stan Hansen (above) but he cannot elude him for long. Once Hansen catches Koloff (opposite page), the Russian Bear is in serious trouble.

THERE IS NO hesitation in Stan Hansen's voice. He speaks like a man sure of himself and his decision. He has to be.

"I'm a veteran," Hansen declares, "and I know the risks. A man turns his back on his friends in this business and he's in real trouble. He may even be doomed. It's a risk I'm taking."

Hansen then stares at the reporter, as if daring the man to ask another question. Though he feels compelled to explain himself, Hansen refuses to allow even a shred of defensiveness to fall away. He feels at war with the world and must keep eternally vigilant.

"Your former comrades have vowed to drive you from wrestling."

"I heard that," Hansen acknowledges with a mirthless smile. Ivan Koloff, especially. He says I betrayed him and traitors deserve to die. Well, he knows where to find me. And he knows where his friends can find me." Involuntarily, Hansen looks around, almost as if he fears they indeed knew where to find him.

"Why did you decide to turn on your friends?"

"They were never my friends," Hansen snaps, his teeth clenched so that the last word appears to be a growl. "Those bums never did squat for me. Koloff, especially, uses people and then throws them away. If you're really in trouble and turn to Koloff for help, then you're *really in trouble.*

"Let's say I got tired trying to convince myself I was right. I'm an ambitious guy who doesn't like to take orders. I guess that makes me like most every other guy

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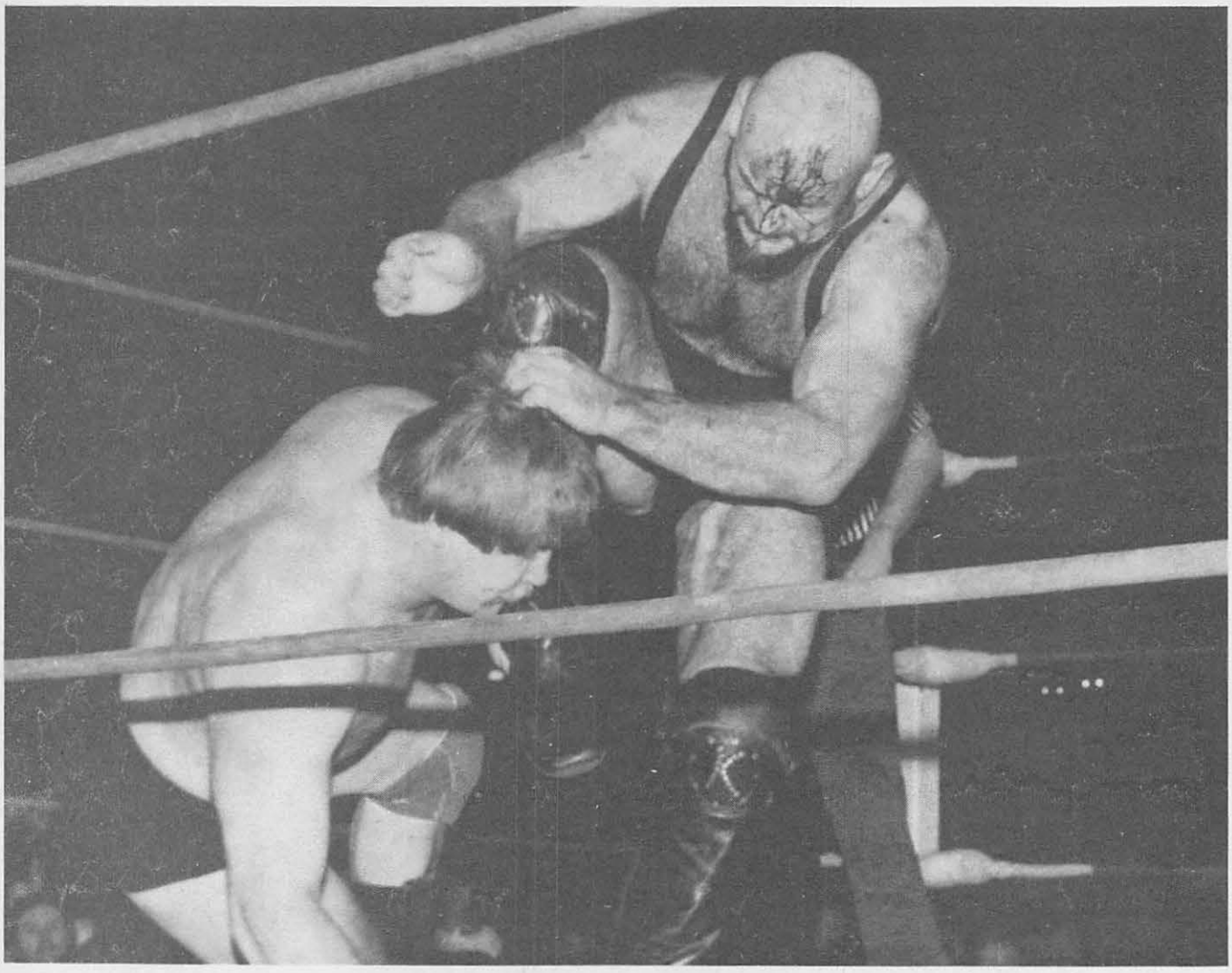


Hansen knows his mission will be a difficult one. He knows he has earned the wrath of wrestling's society of rulebreakers. He knows Koloff, in particular, will stop at nothing to end his career. He also knows his mission is worth any and all risks.

they call a rulebreaker. I thought I knew a better way, a surer way to the top. I did some things I wasn't very proud of. I don't think I have anything to apologize for, but I can't exactly call myself righteous.

"One day, I got tired of making excuses. I just couldn't buy that guys like Koloff were really what wrestling is about. So I took a look around and made some changes.

"From now on, the fans are going to be proud of me. Kids are going to want to grow up to be like me. When I walk into an arena, I want people to say, 'There goes a great wrestler and there goes a decent man.' That's not too much to ask.

"Wrestling has been real good to me, and I've been a parasite. I've taken everything from the sport and not given a damn thing back. A man can't live like that. Well, I *did* live like that, but I can't any longer.

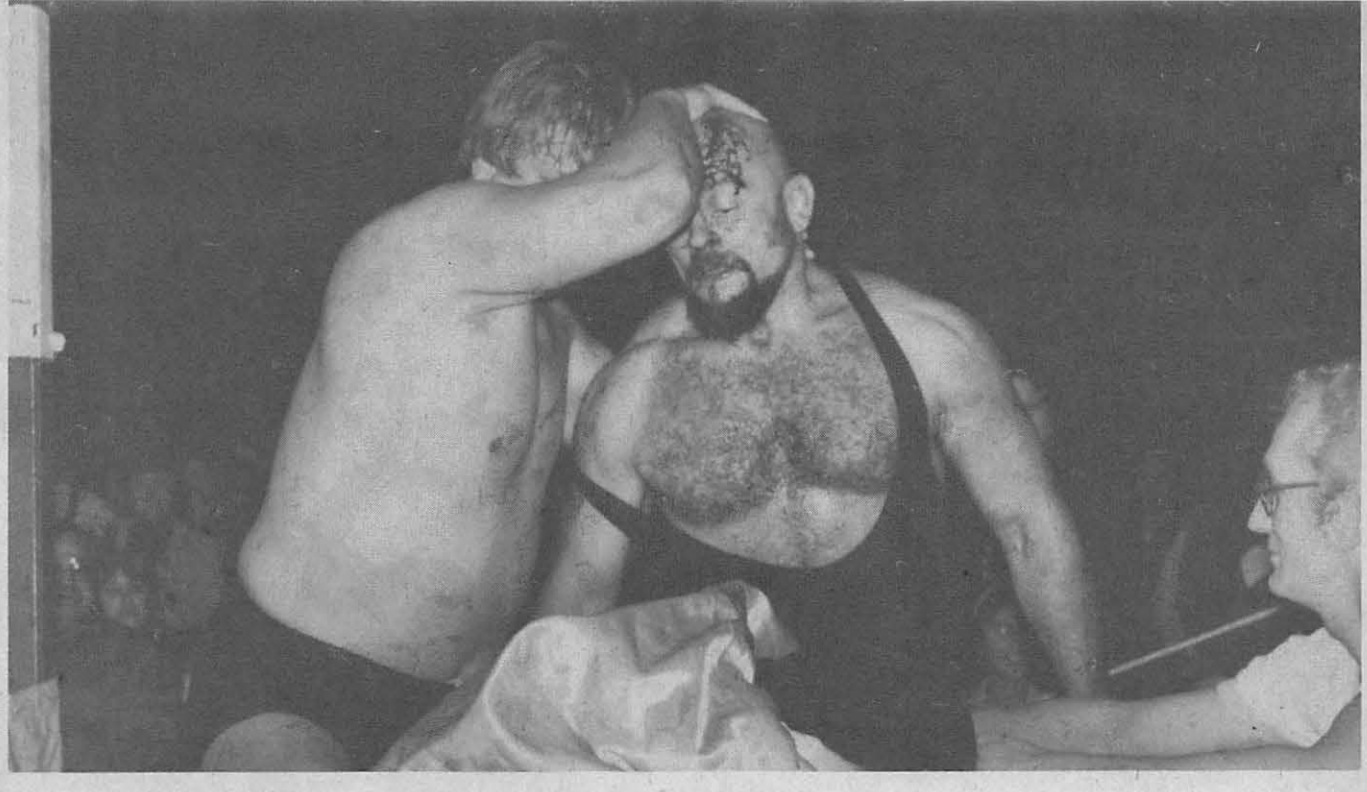
"Maybe by beating Koloff I can give a little back. People should realize a rat like Koloff needn't be a winner. He can be stopped. I'm the man who can do it.

"I'm not kidding myself. When Koloff and I get into the ring, it won't be textbook wrestling. It'll be war, dirty war. Sooner or later, one of us will get hurt so bad that his career will be over. It's a risk I believe both of us are willing to take. We each want to be the man who drives the other out of wrestling.

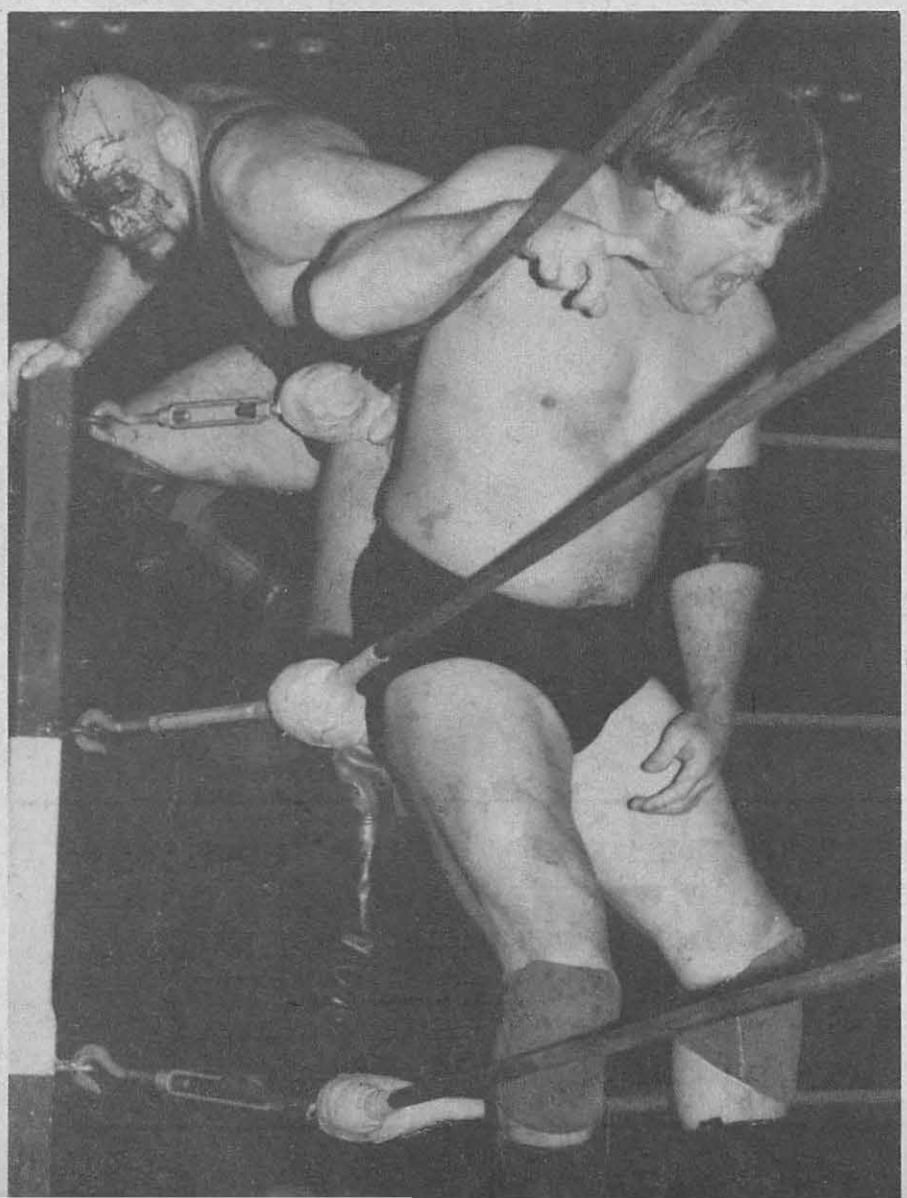
"I want to stress I'm doing this for wrestling. I want it seen by thousands that Koloff can be stopped. If it was a personal thing between me and him, I'd settle it in a parking lot. No, I've changed and I want people to realize that."

At this, Hansen stops and his lips curl menacingly. He knows what the next question must be, and he knows there are no words to answer it.

"Why should anyone believe you've really changed?"



Hansen runs Koloff facefirst into the timekeeper's table, hoping to further open the Russian's head wound (above). Both men near exhaustion, Koloff uses his remaining strength to mount an attack from the turnbuckles (below).



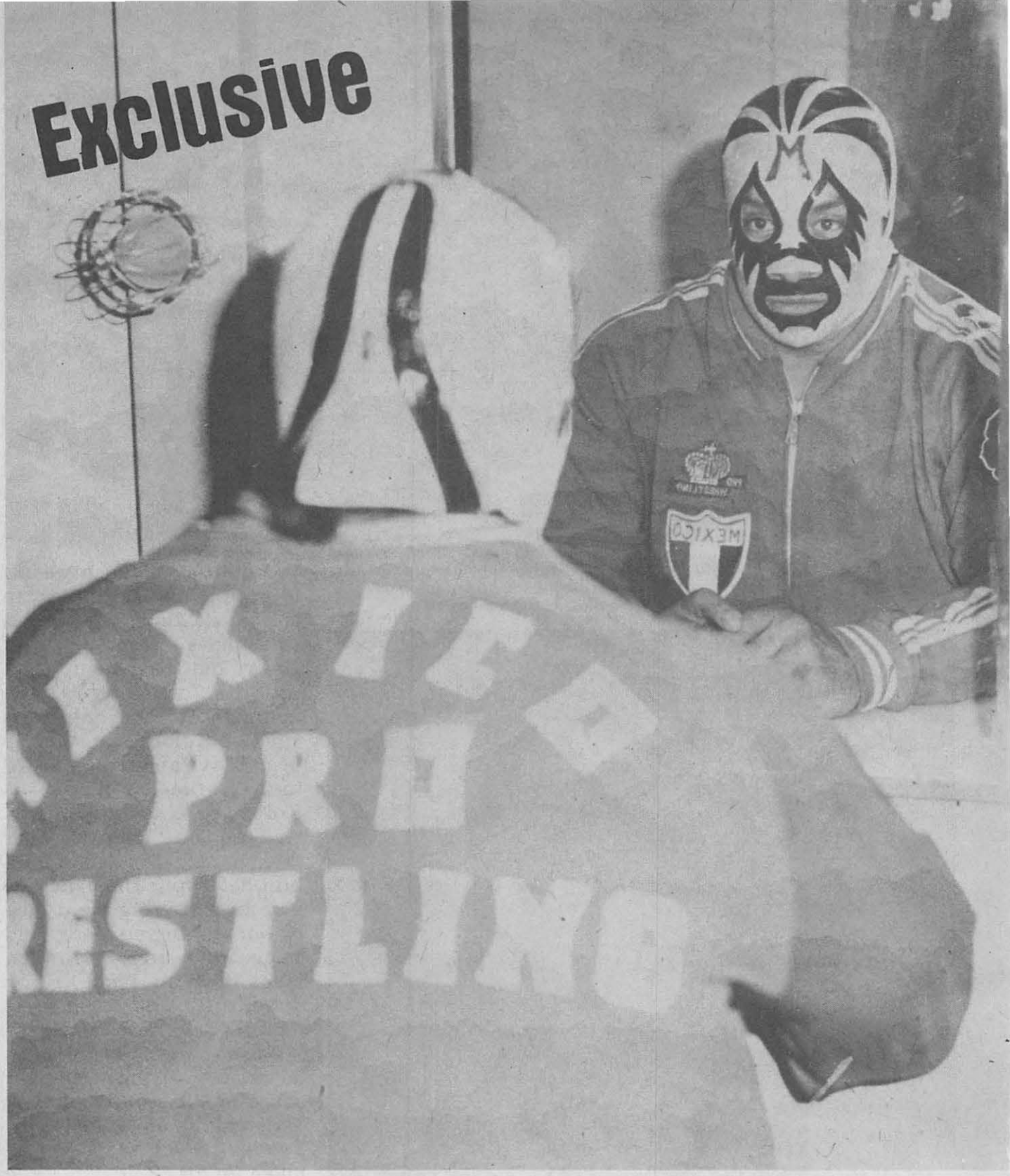
The lips reshape into a bad imitation of a smile. In almost a whisper, he replies, "We'll have to see, won't we?"

For the past couple of months, we have been seeing. In his matches against Koloff, Hansen has been brave and ferocious. At the same time, he knows that Koloff isn't his only enemy. Rulebreakers from all over the country are coming at him, determined to make him pay for betraying them. One by one, asking no mercy and expecting none, Hansen takes them on. It's a killing schedule, and one that logically must lead to tragedy.

When Hansen is asked why he insists on this inhuman schedule, he simply replies, "I'm making up for lost time. I've got a lot of things to make up for."

Hansen knows the risks. At this pace, he isn't giving himself much time. Sooner or later, his body will have suffered from too many injuries, he'll be battered into athletic oblivion.

Hansen is a man with a mission. On it, he's ready to sacrifice everything. □



For years Mil Mascaras has lived with the knowledge that a major championship was well within his grasp. For years he's been told that if he would only slightly bend the rules he could defeat any man alive. For years Mascaras resisted the urge. But at this point of his illustrious career, he's just not sure

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And Save His Career

THEY SAY THAT the eyes are the mirror of the soul. Looking into Mil Mascaras' eyes, one could tell there was something troubling him. Absent was that look of confidence. Replacing that look was one of frustration—and confusion.

From the moment Mascaras arrived at the offices of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, it was obvious something was troubling him. "I've never seen him like this," said Managing Editor Stu Saks.

Without even a hello for any of the reporters he has known and worked with for years, Mascaras stormed through the editorial offices straight to the posh office of Publisher Stanley Weston. This was not like Mascaras, who always makes time for a reporter, an admirer, for anyone who needs his help. The editors knew something was troubling Mascaras, but no one guessed how serious it could be.

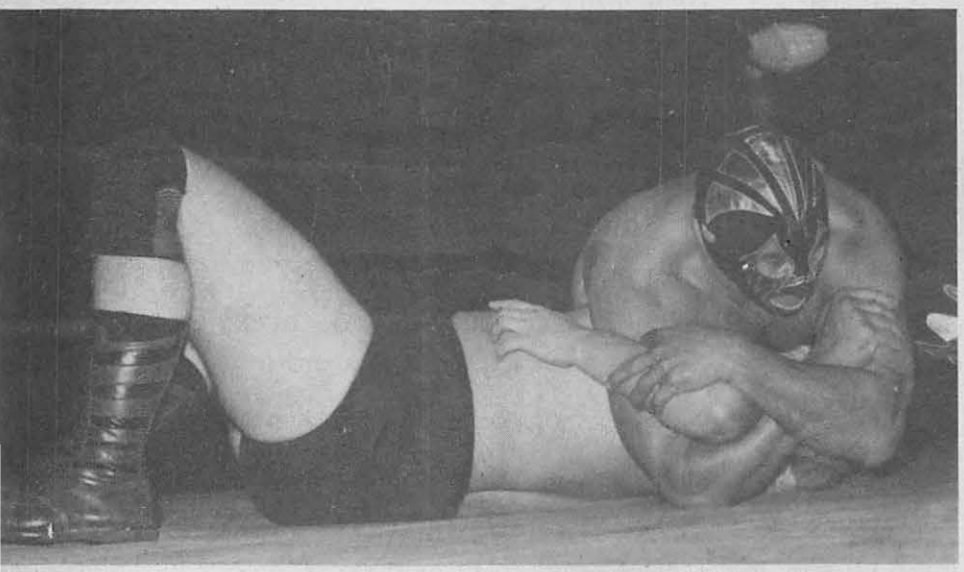
"I'm at a crossroads," he told Weston as he sat across from his large oak desk. "I have a big decision to make, and I need your help." Weston nodded and let Mil continue.

Faced with the most difficult and most important decision of his career, Mil Mascaras turns to his beloved fans. Mil's personal address is provided above.

"Wrestling has been wonderful to me," the man of a thousand masks said. "This sport has taken me around the world more times than I can count. My name is a household word in every nation. But there's something missing, Stanley. They call me 'The People's Champion,' but it's not enough. I've lived without a major federation title for too long. I know I'm as good as any of the three champions. I've always wanted a title, but I've always said I wouldn't compromise my principles to get one. I just don't know anymore.

Weston was taken aback by this statement, but Mil quickly put his mind at ease. "No," he said, "I don't plan on becoming a rule-breaker, I couldn't do that to my fans. It just seems to me there is no longer room in wrestling for a pure, scientific wrestler. With men in this sport like Ray Stevens, Abdullah the Butcher, and Ivan Koloff, one has to be ready to fight fire with fire. That sickens me, Stanley, but this is the reality of the situation."

Weston and Mascaras were silent for a moment, and then Weston, who has been a publisher of wrestling magazines for more than 30 years and has seen the



Mil Mascaras came to the office of his dear friend, "PWI" Publisher Stanley Weston, to discuss a delicate problem (top). Until recently, Mascaras never considered compromising the sportsmanlike approach to the sport that he demonstrates against Diamond Timothy Flowers (above) and Victor Rivera (below).

sport evolve into what it is today, said, "I understand your problem, Mil, but I don't feel it is my place to tell you what to do. Only you can decide where your career will go from here. Your career is your own; only you can make the decision."

"But it isn't my own," Mil retorted. "I have an obligation to my fans, especially the children, to set an example. They depend on me. I'm afraid of what might happen if I start bending the rules to defeat the rulebreakers. But if I don't, I could be destroyed in the ring. And most of all, if I don't reach my goal, if I don't win a world championship, I'll be letting myself down.

"I've been in wrestling for a long time, Stanley. I've seen this goal ruin wrestlers. I've seen men turned into monsters because of it, good men like Ted DiBiase. He once had the respect of the wrestling community, and now he has turned on his former friends. The fans have shamed him. I can't live without the fans' support."

Mil pondered that statement for a moment. Then he stood up and began to pace around the office. Suddenly, Mil raced toward Weston's desk, almost jumping over it.

"You can help me, Stanley," Mil shouted. "The fans who buy *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* will help me decide. Your magazine is the most respected in the world, and the fans who buy it are knowledgeable. They will help me decide what road to take."

"I don't know, Mil," Weston replied. "We've never taken on such a . . ."

"I will even give you my personal address in Mexico to put in the magazine. Please, Stanely, I must know what the fans think. It could mean my career."

"Well," Weston said, "we've never done anything like this before, but if it means that much to you, we'll give it a shot."

Mascaras' mood changed instantly. He was even more jubilant than usual, and those eyes—the mirrors of his soul—danced once again. He was no longer faced with making the most important decision of his life. The fans—those to whom his entire career is devoted—would make the decision for him.

It is now up to you, the fans of Mil Mascaras. Should he change his wrestling style and go punch for punch with the sport's brawlers? Or should he remain the wrestler who has gained the world's respect and quite possibly never win a world championship? You have his address. Now make the decision. □

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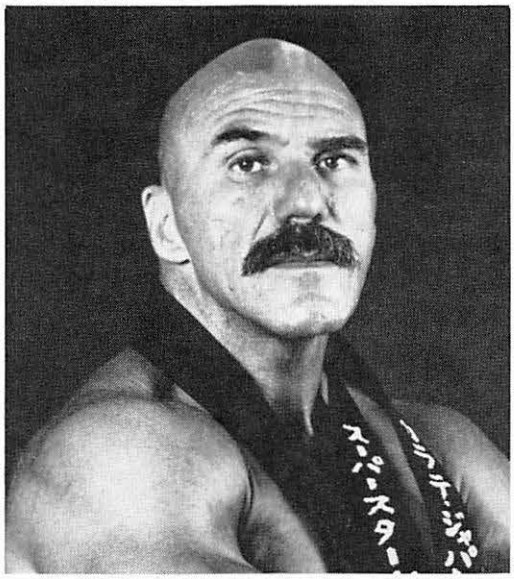
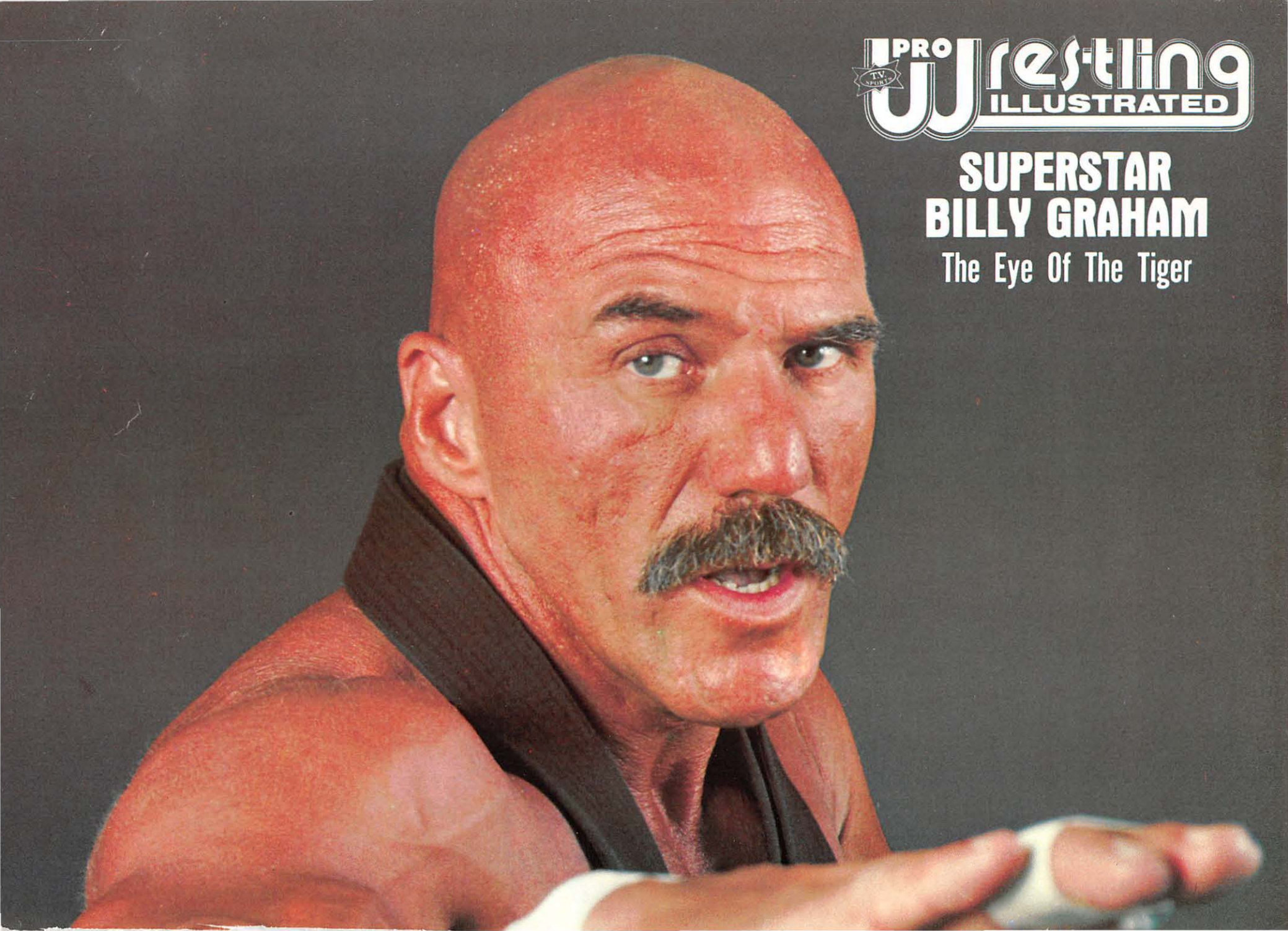
CLOSE-UP

SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM



SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM is the most feared wrestler in the World Wrestling Federation . . . This native of Paradise Valley, Arizona, stands 6'4" and weighs 260 pounds . . . First became involved with professional wrestling through his family, Luke, Jerry, and Eddie Graham . . . Made his professional debut in 1971 in Los Angeles at the Olympic Auditorium where he defeated Mando Lopez . . . Left the West Coast to wrestle in the AWA in early 1972 . . . Feuded with Wahoo McDaniel, Ivan Putski, and AWA champion Verne Gagne . . . Had a very bitter rivalry with Ken Patera, who debuted in the AWA after participating in the Olympics . . . Graham allied himself with Bobby Heenan, Baron Von Raschke, and Horst Hoffman . . . The latter months of 1974 saw Graham wrestling in Texas where he continued to feud with Mil Mascaras, as well as beginning new rivalries with Rocky Johnson and Andre the Giant . . . Arrived in the WWF for the first time in 1975 under the tutelage of The Grand Wizard . . . Stayed in the WWF for nearly two years, then left the area to wrestle in Florida where he cultivated a major feud with former AWA partner Dusty Rhodes . . . Returned to the WWF on April 30, 1977, and defeated Bruno Sammartino for the heavyweight title in Baltimore, putting an end to Sammartino's second WWF title reign . . . Was the first WWF champion to regularly defend the title in areas other than the traditional Northeast . . . Defended the belt often in St. Louis and Florida . . . A match against NWA champion Harley Race (ending in a draw) was one of the most celebrated title vs. title confrontations of all time . . . Lost the belt to Bob Backlund on February 20, 1978, in Madison Square Garden when the referee did not see his leg draped across the ropes . . . A few months later, Graham left the WWF to go into seclusion and personal training . . . Participated in the CBS "World's Strongest Man" competition . . . A rumor began to spread at the end of 1981 that Superstar Graham had died . . . Squelched all rumors of his death by making a flamboyant return to the WWF in October 1982 . . . Though he still retained The Grand Wizard as a manager, Graham sported a new bald-headed look and utilized many martial arts maneuvers in a new wrestling style . . . His stated intention was to regain the WWF belt he thought was still rightfully his. □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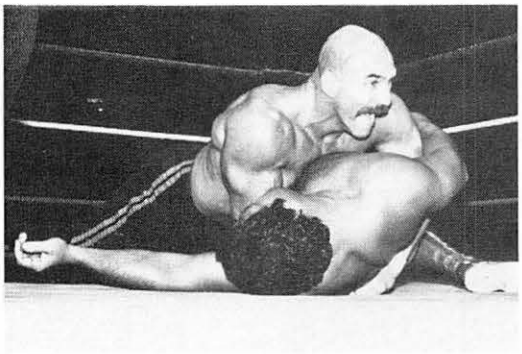
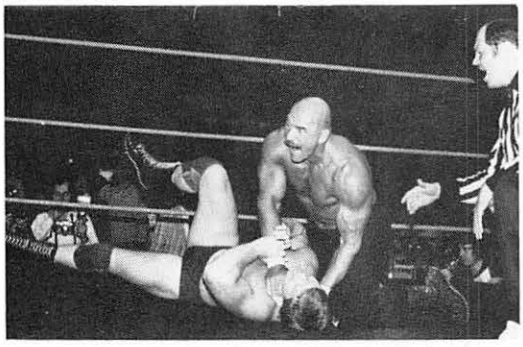


FAVORITE MANEUVER

"You know, a lot of people like the fancy dropkicks, the flashy aerial maneuvers. I like to keep it simple. Just a bearhug, that's all I need to put my opponents away and send them down to the depths of defeat. The bearhug, coupled with my incredible raw strength, is a weapon to be feared by any man."

GREATEST MATCH

"No doubt here, none at all. My greatest match of all time was when I defeated Bruno Sammartino to take the WWF heavyweight title. It was a glorious day, and it was the first day of my return to the WWF territory. Man, I made my return in style, too. The Baltimore Civic Center will always be special to me for that memory."



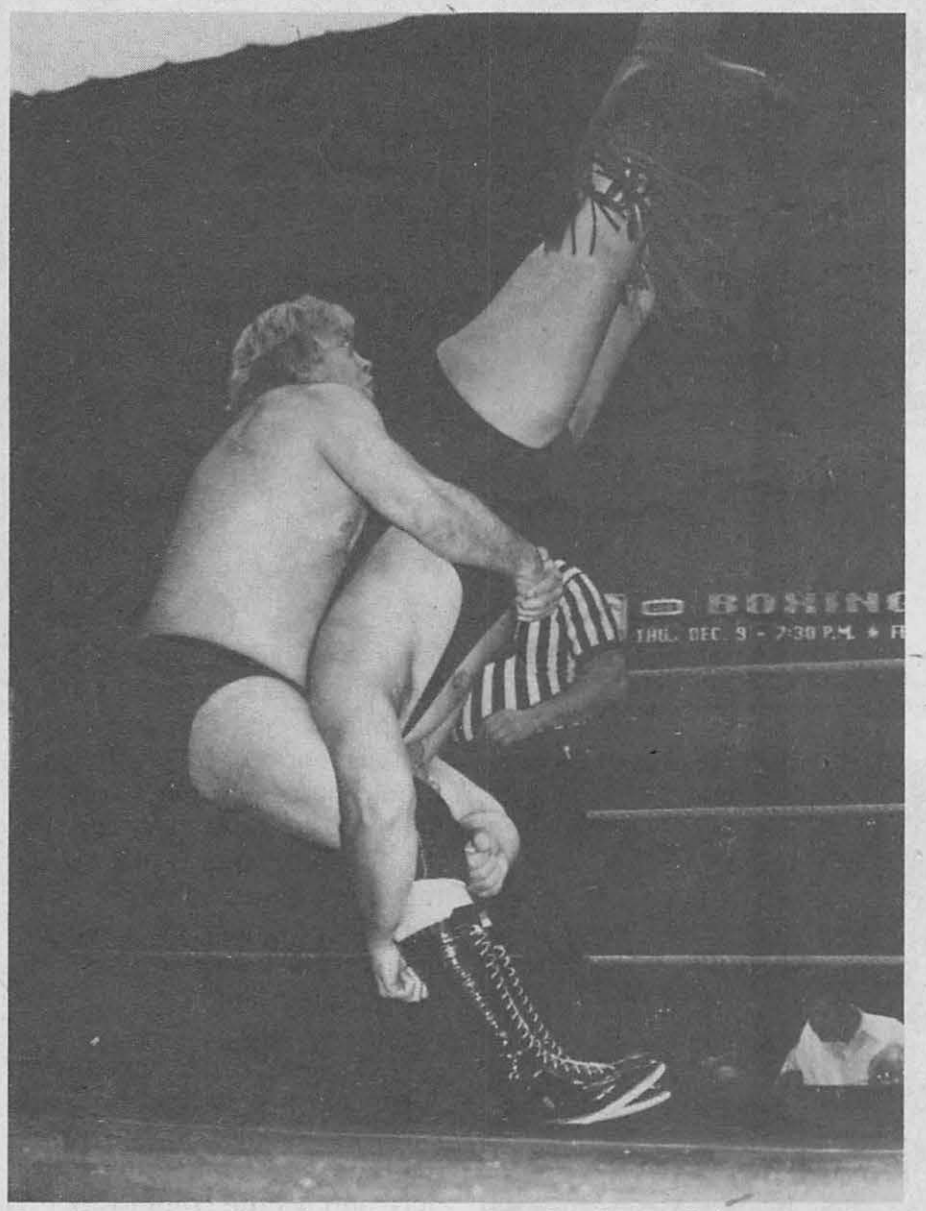
MOST HATED OPPONENT

"The most hated opponent I have ever had and ever will have is little Bobby Backlund. Bobby stole my title from me, and I will do anything I have to do to get it back. Backlund is a thief, and it burns me the way all the fans adore him. It goes to show how stupid the fans can be, to admire a cheat like Backlund the way they do."

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

"Well, I've faced a lot of tough opponents over the years, but offhand I would say it's Dusty Rhodes. You know, I teamed with him for six months, and I know what kind of a wrestler he is from both sides of the tracks—as a partner and as an opponent. I respect the man, and I have a lot of respect for his skills. He's a tough one, all right."

The Crippler Claims Another Victim



Ray Stevens' eyes show the excitement of a sadist about to bring serious harm to a fellow human being. Chief Jay Strongbow was hospitalized as a result of The Crippler's piledriver.

IN THESE DAYS of slow motion and stop action, we tend to forget that violence is, above all things, swift. In a matter of moments, everything can be changed. Afterward, one thinks back on the hours before disaster as some golden time protected by the ignorance of fate.

Such it was that horrible night in Madison Square Garden. Chief Jay Strongbow was battling nobly on the brink of victory against Ray Stevens. Then, almost before anyone realized it was happening, Stevens captured Strongbow in the dreaded piledriver. Swiftly, Stevens leaped in the air, smashing Jay's head into the canvas and forcing his neck to twist in a frighteningly unnatural position. Devastated, Jay lay in agony on the canvas. A stretcher was required to remove him to the dressing room.

Less than two hours later, Strongbow was in a hospital bed. The doctors examined and X-rayed him, searching for injuries they hoped never to find. Fortunately, they found nothing to indicate the injury will be of a permanent nature. After a few days of hospitalization, Strongbow would be fit. Until the next time.

RAY STEVENS PILEDRIVES JAY STRONGBOW

When Chief Jay Strongbow was hospitalized after being battered by Ray Stevens' piledriver, all wrestling held its breath. Strongbow survived this time, but how many times must wrestling pray for Stevens' victims?

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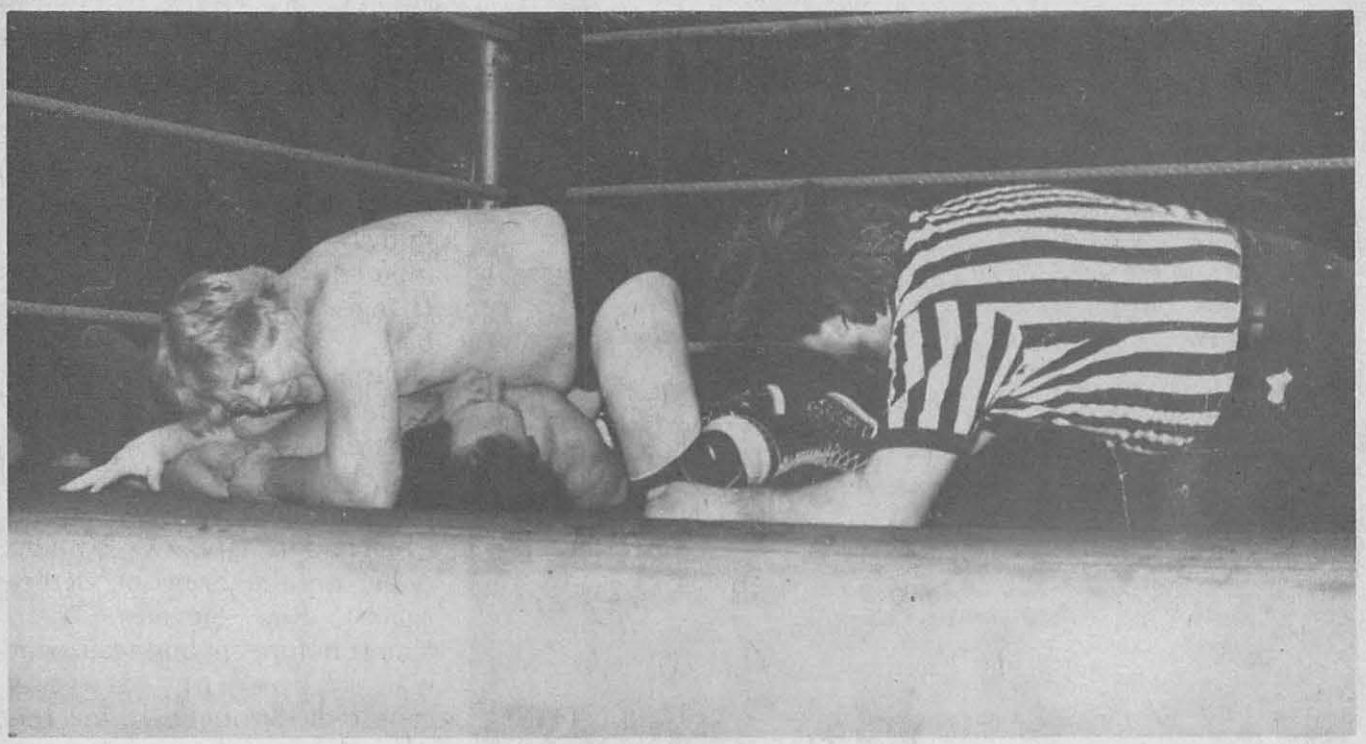
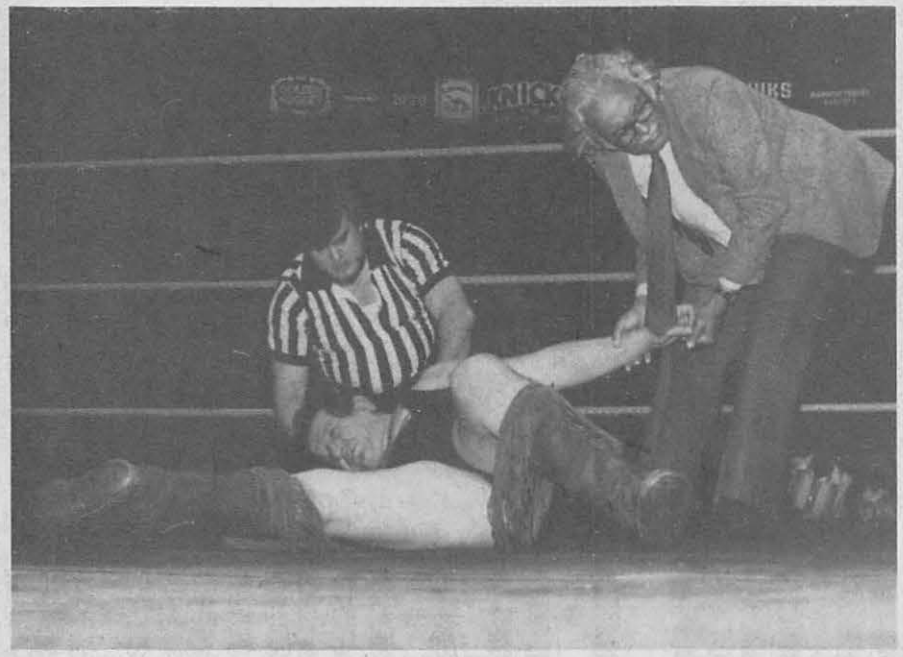


Stevens pinning Strongbow was merely a formality (above); the Chief could not continue anyway. The ringside physician, Dr. Shaw, determines that Strongbow cannot leave the ring under his own power and calls for the stretcher (below).



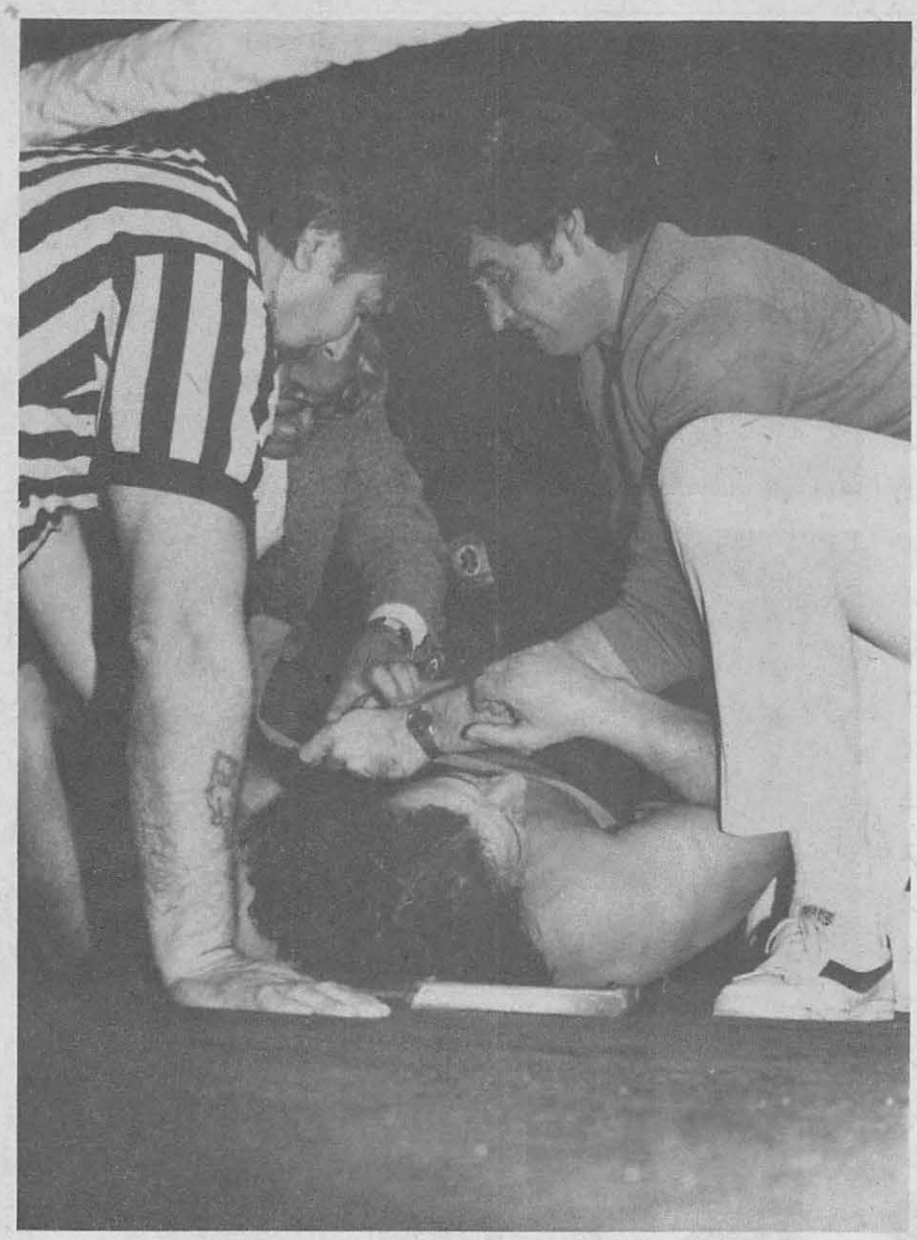
A young doctor left Strongbow's room after telling the wrestler that there was no permanent injury. The woman's jaw was set, and she could barely hold in her rage.

"What that man's body suffered," she raged later while being interviewed in the cafeteria, "has nothing to do with sport. He came within inches of needing a cane for the rest of his life. There's no excuse for that. Have you ever seen a man permanently crippled from a piledriver? Have you seen him forced to be drugged for weeks to relieve the pain? Maybe more people should. Then somebody would stop Stevens.

"Why does he get away with it? People know the damage the piledriver causes. Hell, I can bring in 50 cases where Stevens forcibly rearranged men's spinal columns. The first time he used the piledriver should have seen him suspended. The second time should have seen him expelled. Banned for life. We're not talking about sport here. We're talking about brutal and permanent injury to a human being. If you consider that sport, then something is horribly wrong.

"I've seen other victims of Stevens," she continued. "That I'll be seeing more in the future infuriates me. Something stinks here and it's the commissioners who allow Stevens to wreak his havoc."

One doesn't need to see more than one opponent of Stevens to know something stinks. Still, the commissioners claim their hands are tied. Every time they ban a maneuver, it causes untold complications. People start demanding other, less harmful maneuvers be banned. There is an element of risk in professional wrestling everyone must realize. The piledriver, they contend, is one of those risks. When asked if protecting athletes is simply too difficult for the commissioners, one official, who prefers to



Dr. Shaw, aided by the referee and paramedics, carefully straps the injured Strongbow to the stretcher and carries him to the awaiting ambulance (below). Many members of the medical society have called for the abolition of the piledriver.

remain anonymous, replied, "It seems that way, doesn't it."

Part of the difficulty springs from Stevens' brilliant move in splitting his contract between Freddie Blassie and Lou Albano, two of the most notorious managers in wrestling. If any commissioner was brave enough to even suggest banning the piledriver, those two evil minds would be over the poor official like a bad cold. They'd use legal and illegal tactics to thwart any such move. Stevens has protected himself coming and going.

The day after Strongbow came out of the hospital, he spoke quietly to a gathering of reporters. Like any intelligent man, he was scared. Like only a few of the bravest, he was ready to ignore that fear for the good of wrestling.

"I don't know if I can stop Stevens," he admitted, "but I do know only a wrestler can stop him. You can legislate against the piledriver, but he'll only come up with something more evil to replace it. The enemy isn't the maneuver but the man. I'm ready to take on the man. Facing Stevens is always dangerous, and I don't know what will happen the next time. The doctors warned me that my body is weakened from the piledriver and no exercise in the world will make it 100 percent again. But if a man can't risk himself for a principle, what good is he?"

Strongbow also admitted that friends in and out of wrestling have asked him not to wrestle Stevens again. They say the Chief has done his share, more than his share. He can't continue suffering the piledriver and expect to escape each time. Sooner or later, permanent injury is inevitable.

Strongbow knows the people are right. He also knows that sometimes right and wrong don't matter. □

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SULLIVAN LOOKS TO MIKE GRAHAM FOR SUPPORT

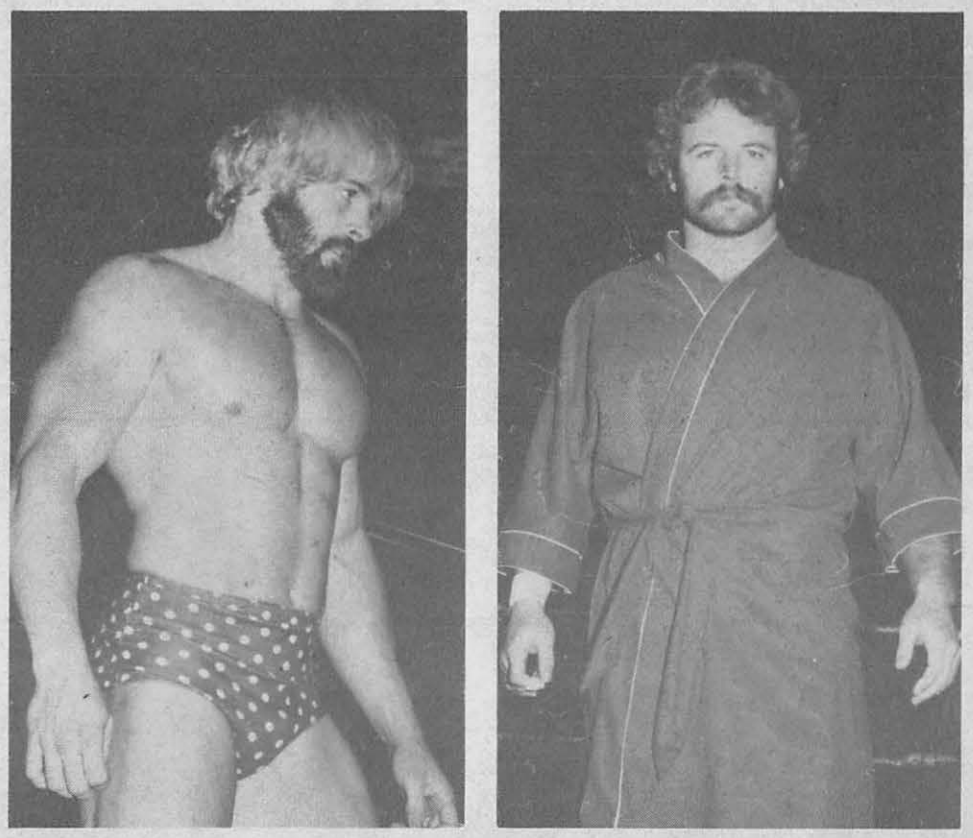
BY STEVE FARHOOD

TAMPA, FL—Kevin Sullivan, who has involved himself in some form of devil worship recently, is enticing Mike Graham to join him in his campaign against Florida fan favorites.

"It's only a matter of time before Graham joins me," Sullivan said. "He's growing a beard now, and I've spoken with him about the things I want to do here in Florida. Mike seems very receptive to my ideas.

"Furthermore," Sullivan concluded, "it's only a matter of time before the Prince of Darkness rules Florida. Doll is coming."

Graham was unavailable for comment.



Kevin Sullivan (above left), who now considers himself a disciple of the devil, is trying to recruit the services of Mike Graham (above right).

Rogers Eyes Backlund's Contract

BY BILL APTER

NEW YORK—According to sources very close to Buddy Rogers, the former NWA and WWF champion is looking to acquire the contract of current

Buddy Rogers, who recently acquired the valuable contract of Jimmy Snuka, is reportedly interested in managing WWF champion Bob Backlund.

WWF titlist Bob Backlund.

Rogers has reportedly offered Backlund's current manager, Arnold Skoaland, a large sum of money for the champion's contract. Rogers' current charge, Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, has been making a great deal of money for Rogers over the past months.

Arnold Skoaland has declined to comment on Rogers' offer beyond noting that he is "not interested in any kind of a deal whatsoever."

Orndorff Warns Reed About Ladd

BY STU SAKS

ATLANTA—Paul Orndorff has publicly stated that Hacksaw Butch Reed should not yet trust Ernie Ladd.

"Ernie Ladd wants to manage Hacksaw Butch Reed," Orndorff explained, "but I know Ernie from his earlier days in Atlanta. I think Butch ought to wait a little while until he is absolutely sure about being able to trust Ladd."

Orndorff maintains that Ladd is still too unpredictable and should prove his sincerity to Reed before Butch accepts a contract.

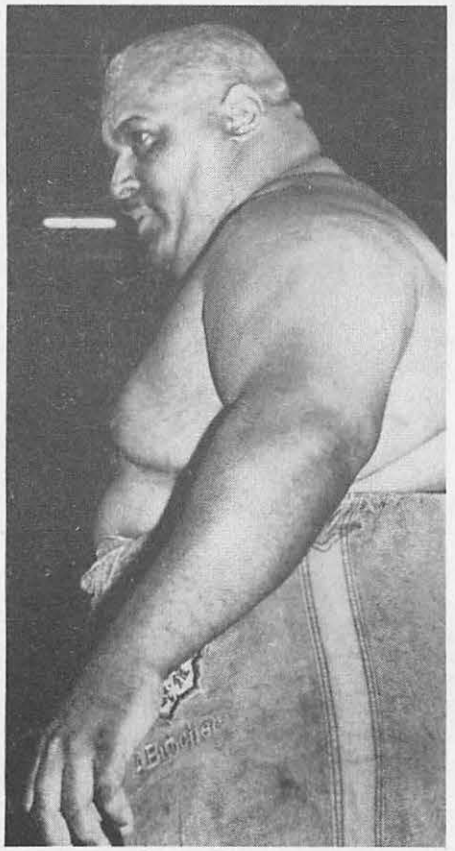
Abdullah Leaves House of Humperdink

BY CRAIG PETERS

CHARLOTTE, NC—Abdullah the Butcher has left Sir Oliver Humperdink's stable of wrestlers and has begun teaming with Mid-Atlantic fan favorites including the Boogie Woogie Man, Jimmy Valiant.

"Humperdink owed me a lot of money," Abdullah explained through an interpreter, "and he paid me with a check that bounced higher than the space shuttle! I don't stand for that kind of garbage.

"I don't have any strong ties to Humperdink," Abdullah continued. "My relationship with him was strictly business. Well, he broke our agreement, so I'll have to collect from him in other ways."



Following a business dispute with Sir Oliver Humperdink, Abdullah the Butcher has joined forces with the Mid-Atlantic fan favorites.

AROUND THE GLOBE

TOKYO, JAPAN

Giant Baba failed in his attempt to regain the Pacific Wrestling Federation championship from Harley Race. Sources close to Baba say the 7'0" wrestler has been very depressed depressed since losing the title to Race in September.

NEW YORK CITY, NY

"Soulman" Rocky Johnson, said in an Enquirer exclusive that he will press for a match against WWF champion Bob Backlund later this year. Johnson said he is aware that very few scientific wrestlers receive title shots against Backlund.

PORTLAND, OR

Now that former WWF champion Stan Stasiak and former WWF tag team champion Dean Ho have both come out of semiretirement and are wrestling in the same area, wrestling experts expect the two to resume their years-long feud. Perhaps it won't be long before one of the two has to retire permanently.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The status of AWA tag team champions Jim Brunzell and Greg Gagne is very uncertain as of press time. The AWA has indicated that it would consider stripping the pair of their belts if Gagne is unfit to wrestle by a date the association would not make public. Gagne was injured in a brutal assault by Crusher Blackwell.

LOOKING AT...

Matt Brock:

I'M GLAD THEY wanted me to write about Paul Orndorff, because this gives me a chance to talk about two topics: musclemen and Georgia wrestling.

You know, there are a lot of guys in wrestling who work hard to achieve muscular physiques, although that is not necessarily a prerequisite for being a top wrestler.

There are men like Ken Patera, Tony Atlas, Ivan Putski, Jimmy Snuka—this list could fill pages—who are all excellent wrestlers and who all have good muscular bodies.

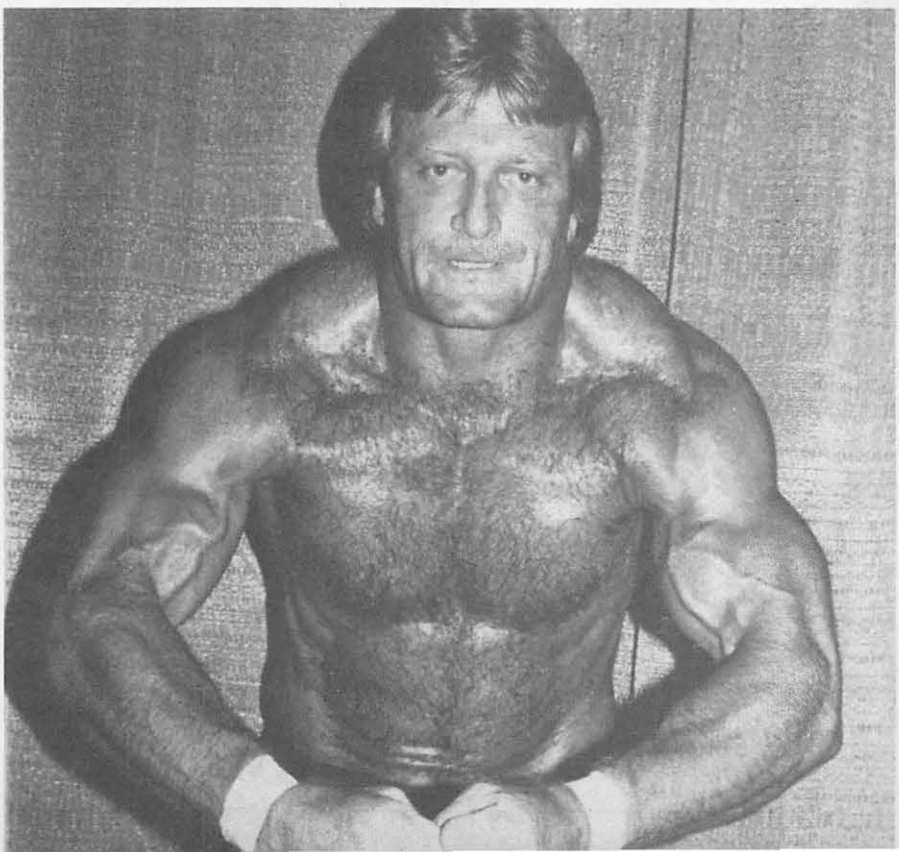
I point this out because a lot of people labor under the misconception that muscular men *have to be* musclebound and this is just not the case.

I have shown photos of Paul Orndorff to friends of mine, and they all ask the same thing: "How can he be a good wrestler? He's too musclebound!"

Well, Orndorff is currently the Georgia National champion, having defeated the Masked Superstar for that honor. You certainly can't rise that high in the sport of wrestling unless you have the flexibility to execute your maneuvers.

Hell, I saw it along with everyone else on national television: Paul Orndorff demonstrating his training regimen with the help of Brad Armstrong, showing how he can break out of the Superstar's cobra hold.

You know, I don't think there's another man in all of wrestling who trains harder than Paul Orndorff. He's the kind of man who knows what he wants, he trains toward that goal, then he goes out and gets it. He did that with Superstar to win the



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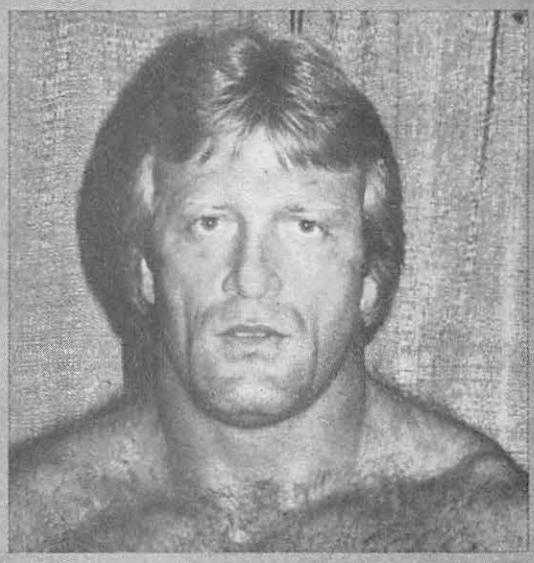
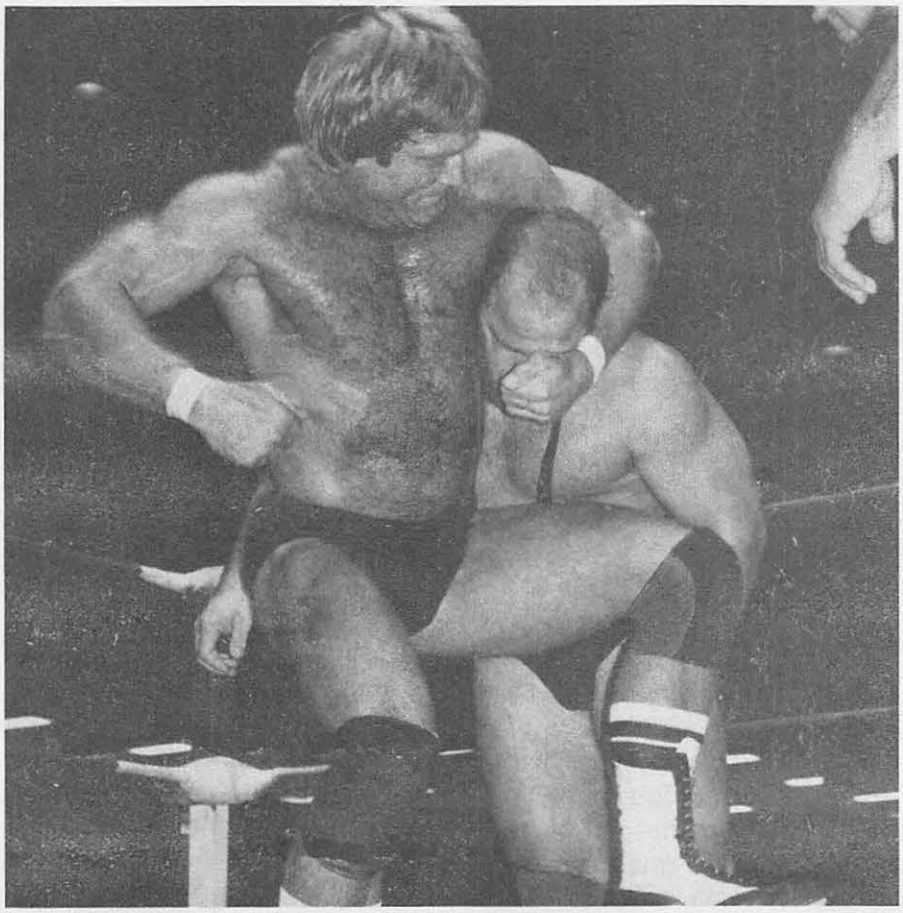


Georgia belt, and I hope, for Ric Flair's sake, that Orndorff doesn't set his sights on the NWA belt.

So remember: Muscular is not the same thing as musclebound.

Now I want to talk about Georgia wrestling.

In only a few short months, Paul Orndorff has become a very strong force in Georgia. Not only has he captured the Georgia National heavyweight title, but he has incurred the wrath of both Ivan Koloff and Buzz Sawyer.



Paul Orndorff has it all: He's got the physique of a champion bodybuilder (left) and the skills of a champion wrestler (above).

Recently, Koloff injured Orndorff by striking him in the ribs with a loaded knee pad. This happened both at the Omni and on national television. And contrary to Koloff's claim, Orndorff doesn't need the help of Johnny Rich or Brad Armstrong to gain revenge.

Indeed, Orndorff seems to have been one of the main rallying points in Georgia. Not that he really needs any help, but Orndorff has been joined by, of course, Johnny and Tommy Rich, Brad Armstrong, Tom Pritchard, and Hacksaw Butch Reed in the campaign against Ivan Koloff, Buzz Sawyer, Ole Anderson, and the rest of the Georgia area rulebreakers.

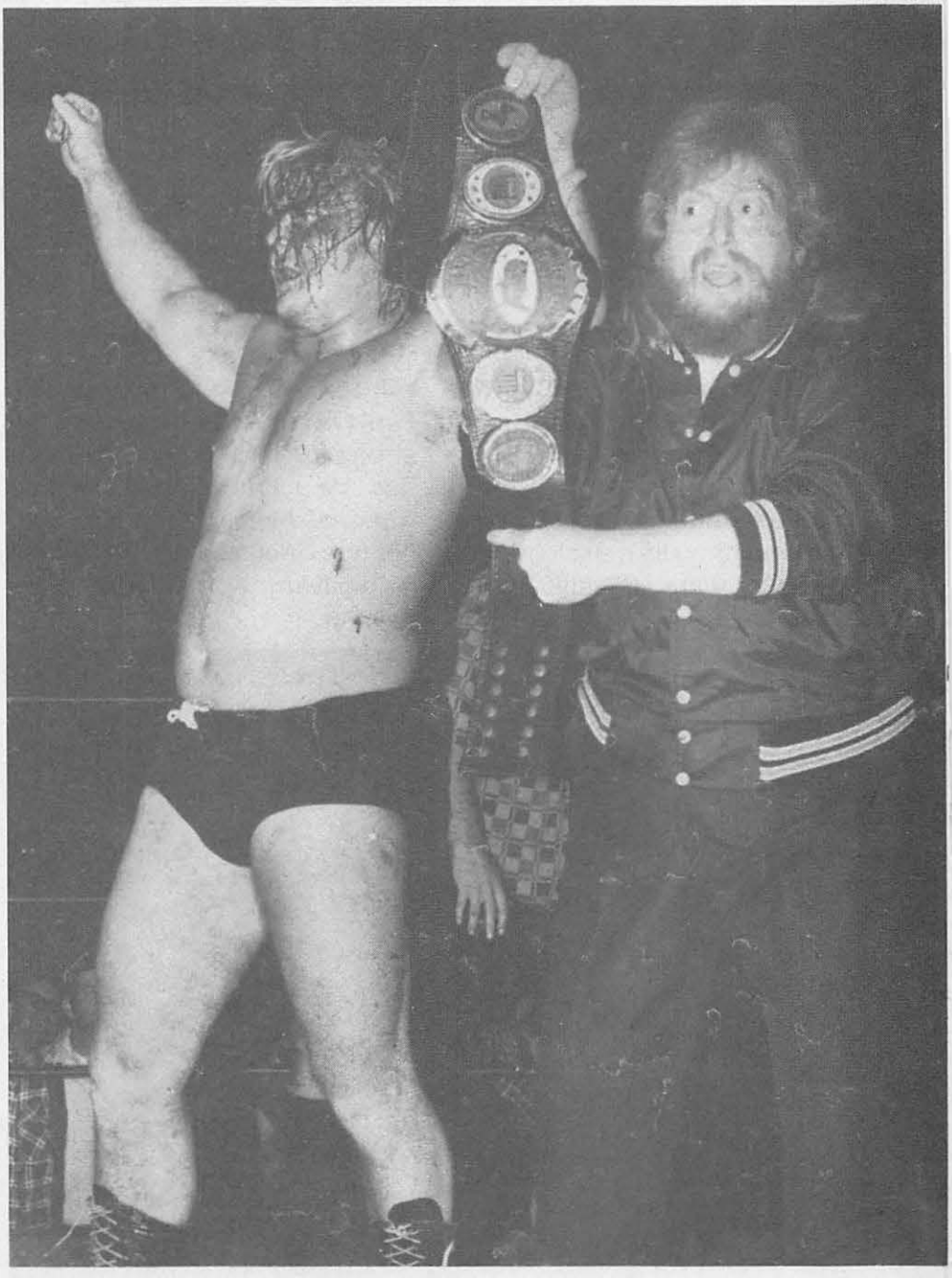
This is good. I like to see a man do more than simply wrestle. Orndorff is not only defending a title, he is defending a principle. He is not only a champion, he is helping to significantly clean up the area his championship represents.

As if you couldn't tell, I like Paul Orndorff. I think he's got the build of a champion, and he's got the attitude of a champion. The fact that he's currently wearing a champion's belt only reaffirms my faith in Orndorff's importance to his sport. □

U.S. Title In Disgrace

VALENTINE HUMILIATES WAHOO

Feeling he's brought shame down upon himself and wrestling, Wahoo McDaniel grieves over the night he lost the U.S. title to Greg Valentine. Wahoo is determined that he doesn't suffer alone!



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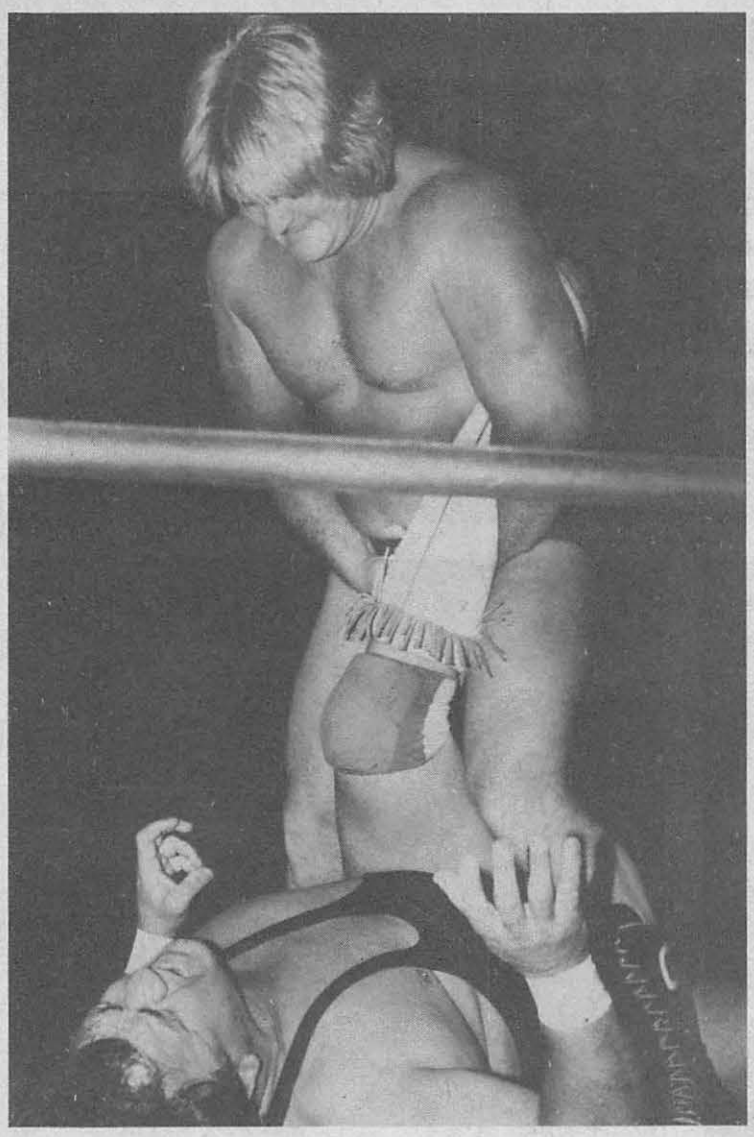
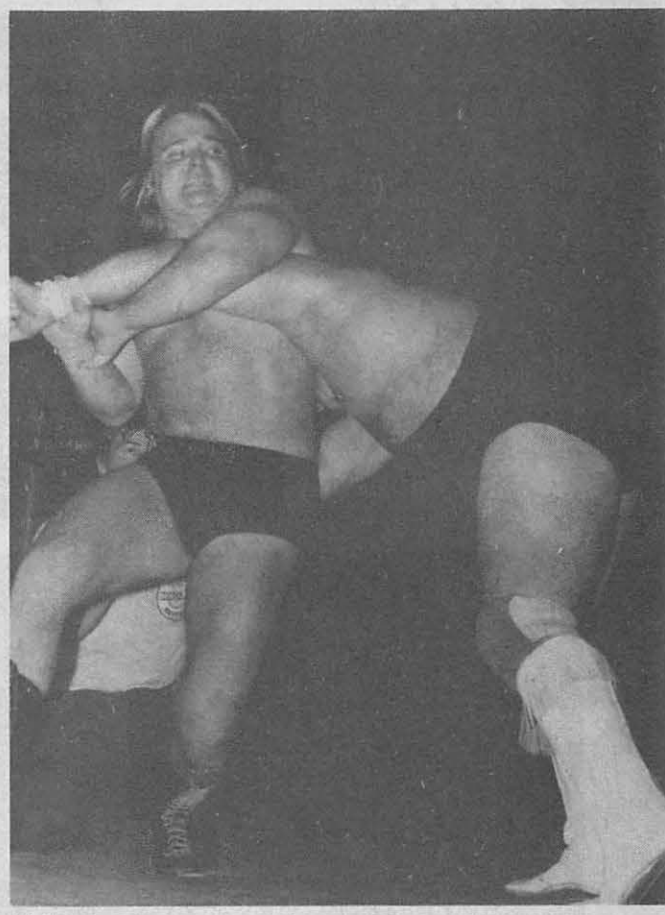
FOR WHAT SEEMED like an eternity, Wahoo McDaniel sat motionless on the training table. The dressing room was filled with reporters, though no one seemed in a rush to ask questions.

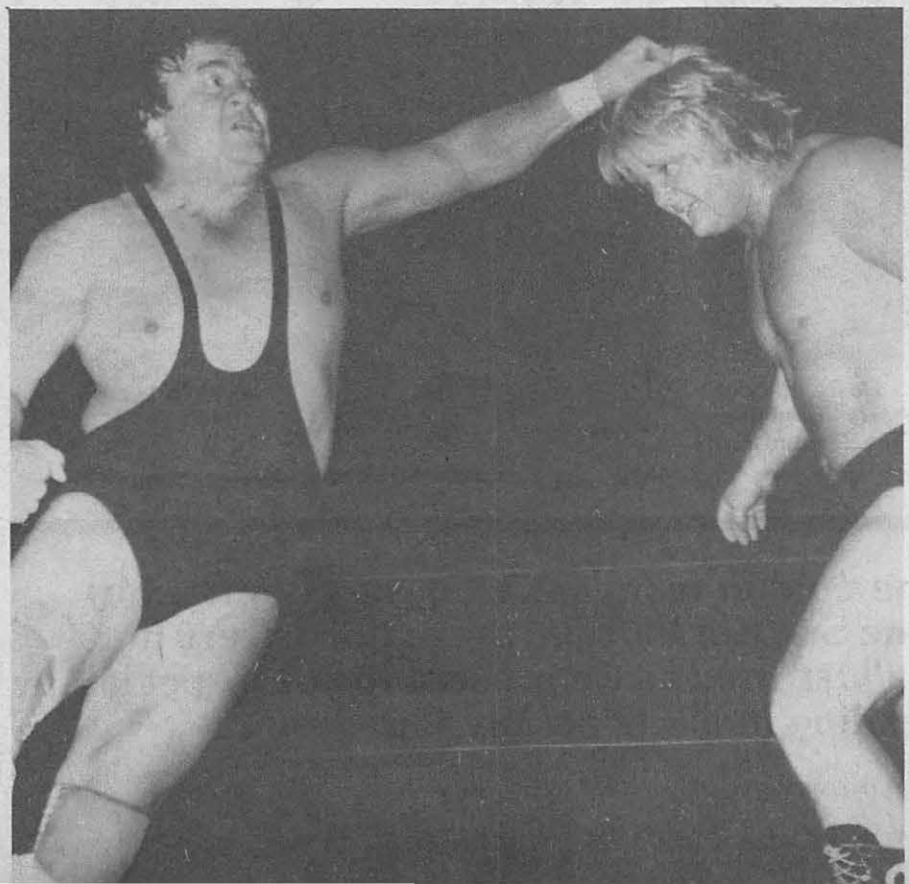
Suddenly, like a bull elephant awakening, Wahoo stood up. Wordless, he walked over to the lockers that line the wall. Then, with a kind of mad precision, he demolished seven lockers one by one. His fists and feet crashed into the metal, bending and twisting them in grotesque pieces of scrap. His knuckles were raw and bleeding, his eyes were dull and sightless, and his attack lacked any wildness. It was more of a ritual he had to go through, as if this would absolve him for his failure.

For 10 minutes, 17 reporters stood motionless while McDaniel destroyed the lockers. No one tried to stop him. This was a madness only Wahoo could end, and somehow that was fitting.





Valentine draws a cry of agony from McDaniel as he applies continuous pressure to an ankle-lock (left). The Hammer pulls McDaniel off-balance with a standing figure-four armbar (above). The champion puts as much force as he can muster behind his right hand (below). A bloody but victorious Valentine and manager Sir Oliver Humperdink show off their prize (opposite page).



After the demolition, Wahoo walked into the shower room and stood under a nozzle that was spouting ice-cold water. His skin puckered gooseflesh and his body shivered. When the shower ended, his lips were blue and his teeth chattering. All the reporters remained in the room and none dared ask a question. Later, they would all admit there really weren't any questions to ask.

Silently, Wahoo dressed and left the arena. In small groups and pairs, the reporters left, also. For some reason, no one wanted to be alone. Alone, one's thoughts might wander too close to truths one should never think about at night.

In another part of town, a celebration was in high gear. The new U.S. champion, Greg

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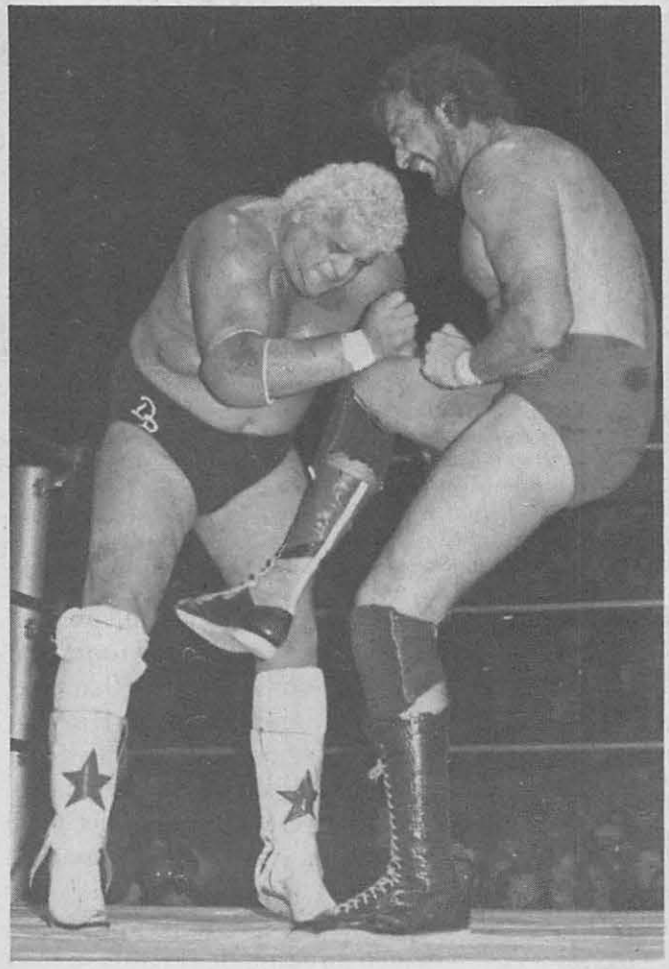
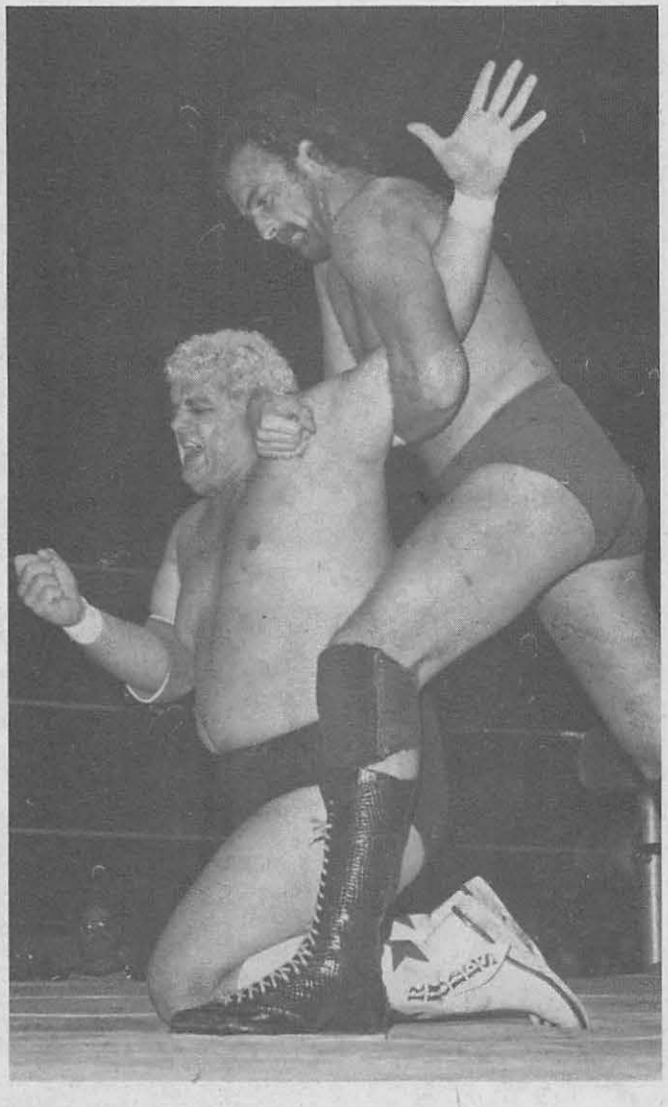
FLORIDA: THE WINTER MAT WARS





In an instinctive defensive maneuver, Dusty Rhodes throws out his arms to block Jake Roberts' attempted kneelift (above). The Snake captures The Dream in a wraparound shoulderlock (right).

The weather may be cold in many parts of the country, but down in the Sunshine State of Florida, the action is very hot! Join *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* as we present to you a special look at Florida wrestling in all its action and glory

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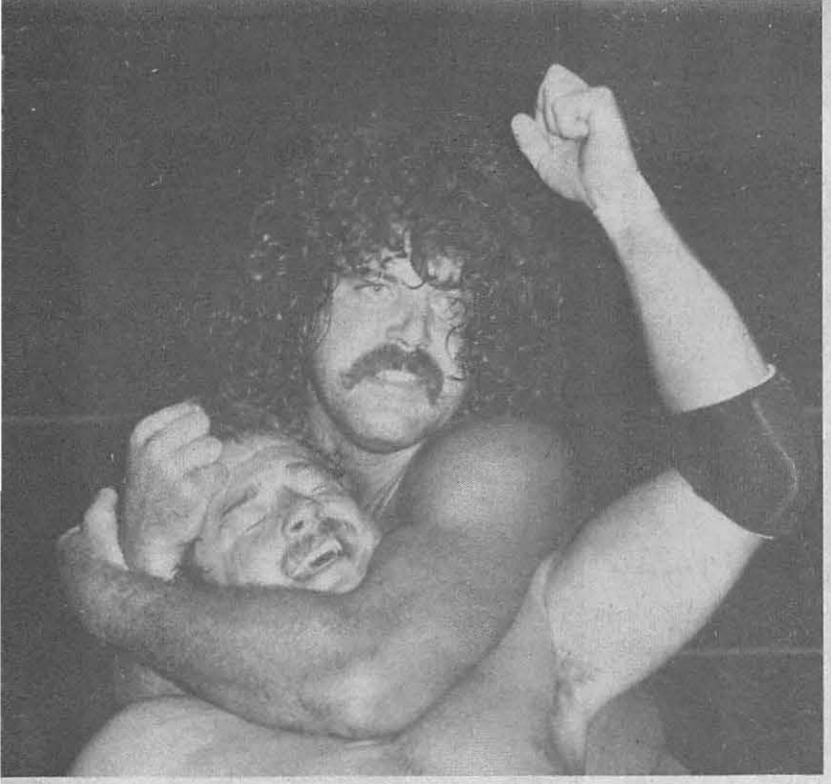
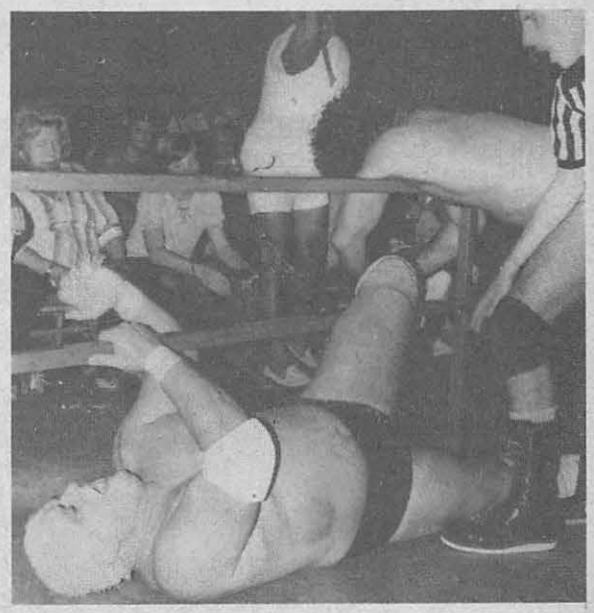
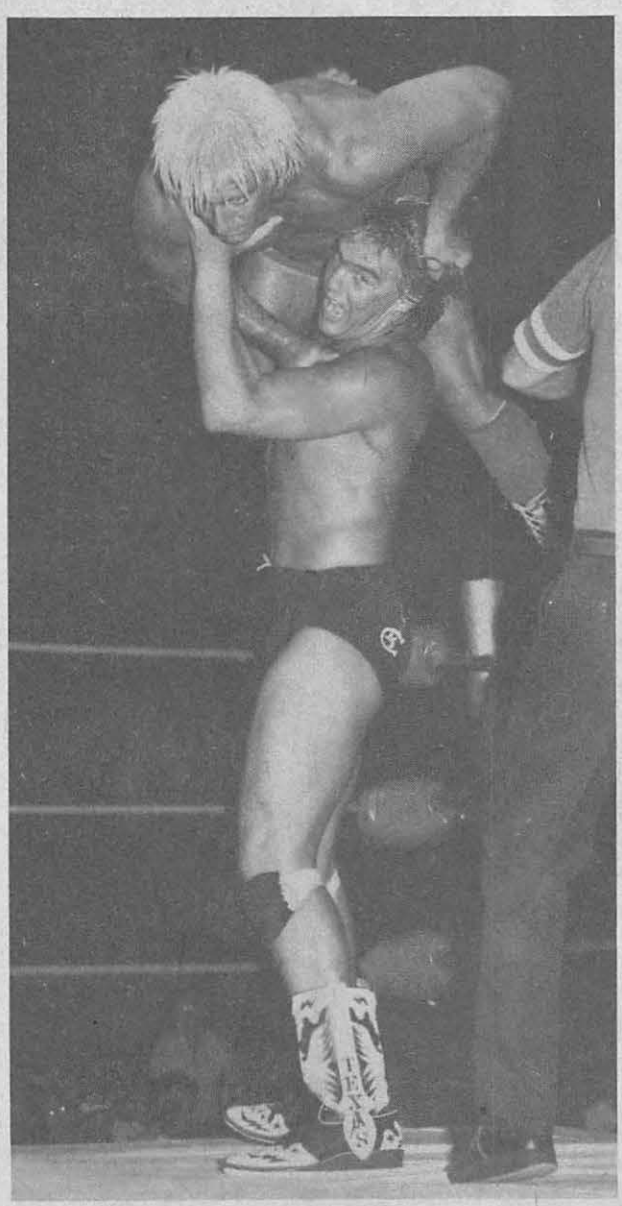
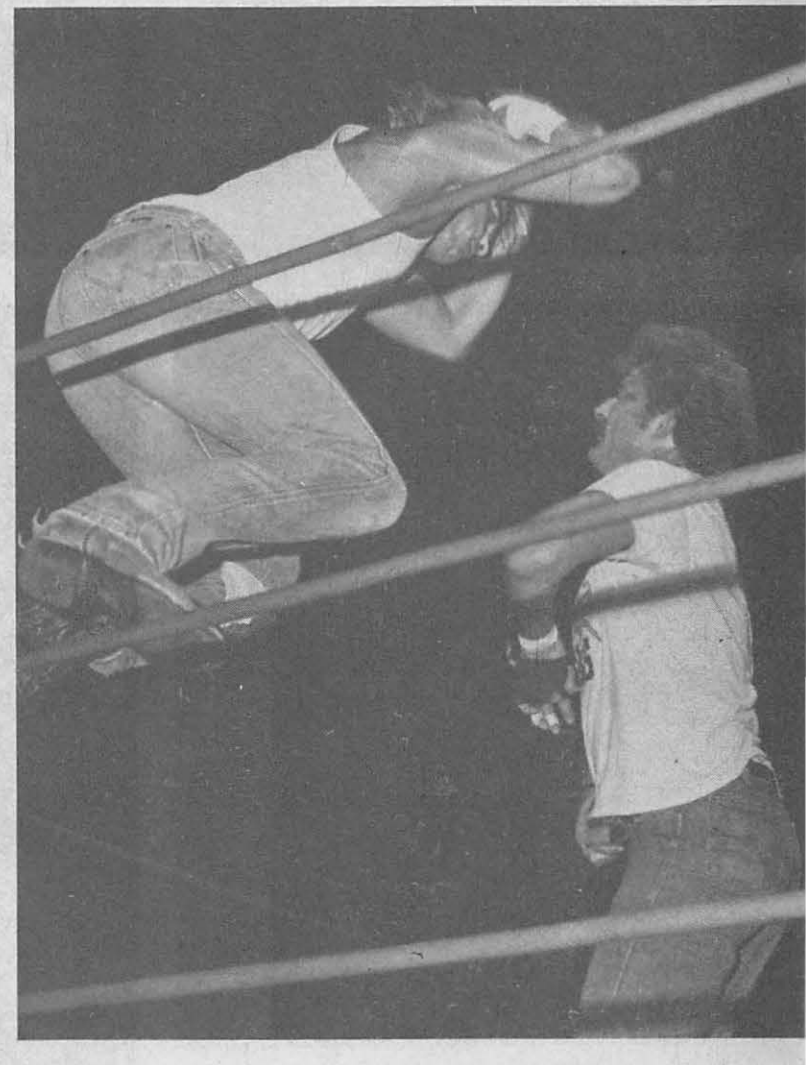




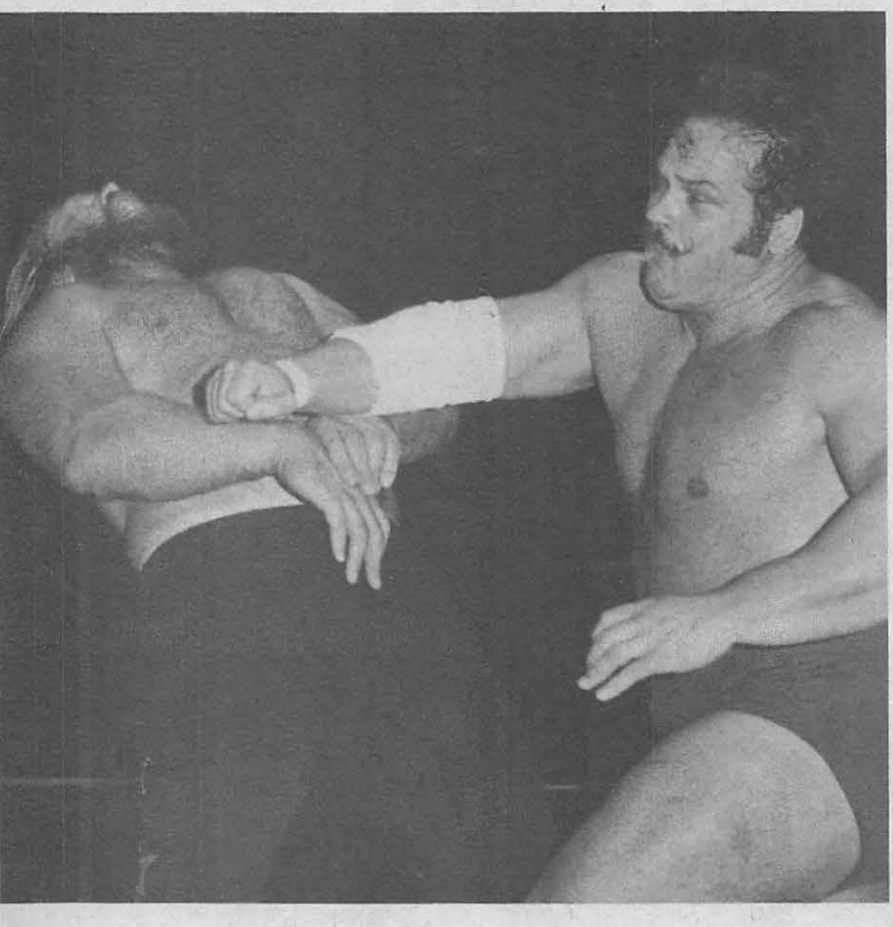
Jim Garvin is one of the hottest wrestlers in the Sunshine State. The former fan favorite applies a crushing headlock on Brian Blair (left) and tortures Dusty Rhodes outside the ring (above).

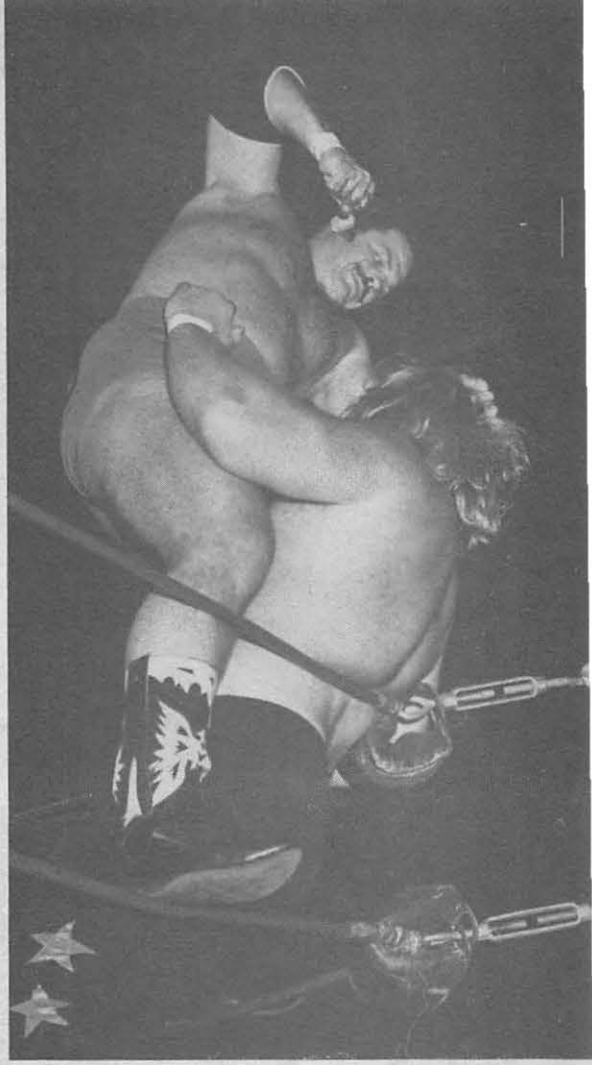


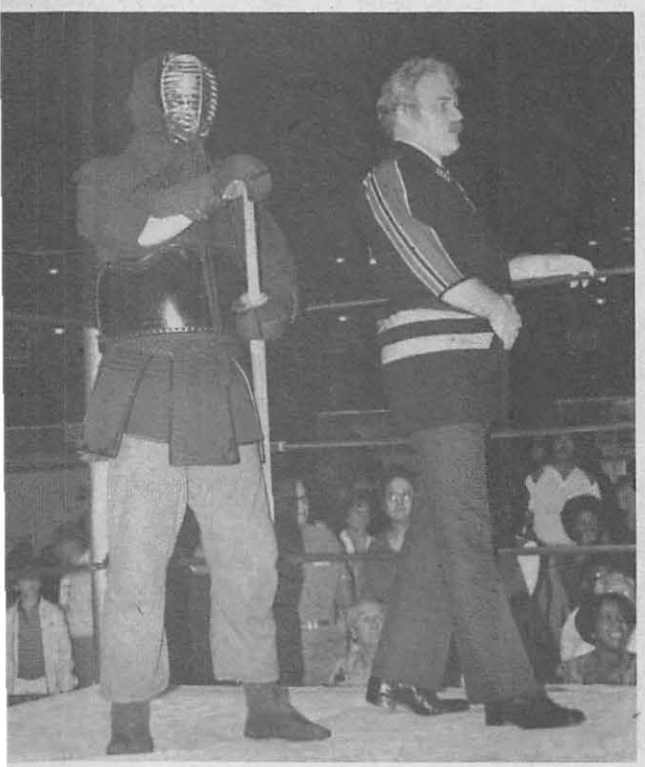


Barry Windham, who seems to improve every time he steps into the ring, throws NWA champion Ric Flair from the turnbuckles (left). Barry requested a Bunkhouse Match with Jake Roberts, the man who had earlier broken his nose for a fee (above).

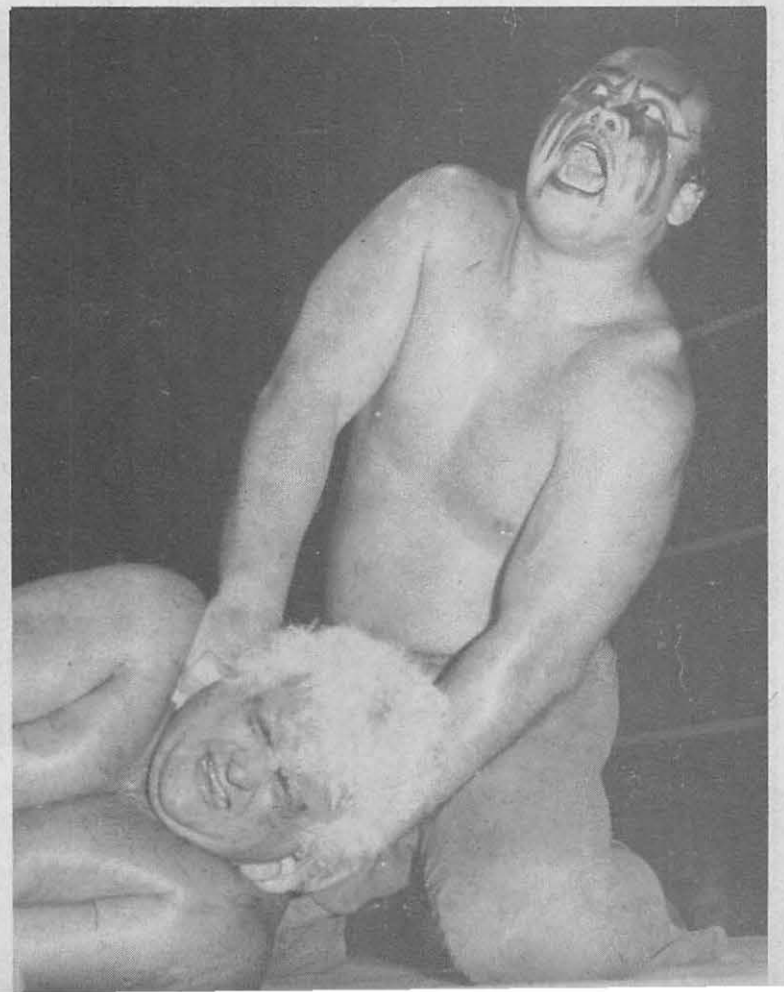
Ron Bass sends Big John Studd reeling with a devastating right cross (below). Bass mounts the turnbuckles to continue his rugged onslaught (right).







James J. Dillon leads his warrior, Kendo Nagasaki, into battle (above). A master of the martial arts, Nagasaki applies excruciating pressure to the nerves at the base of Rhodes' neck (right).



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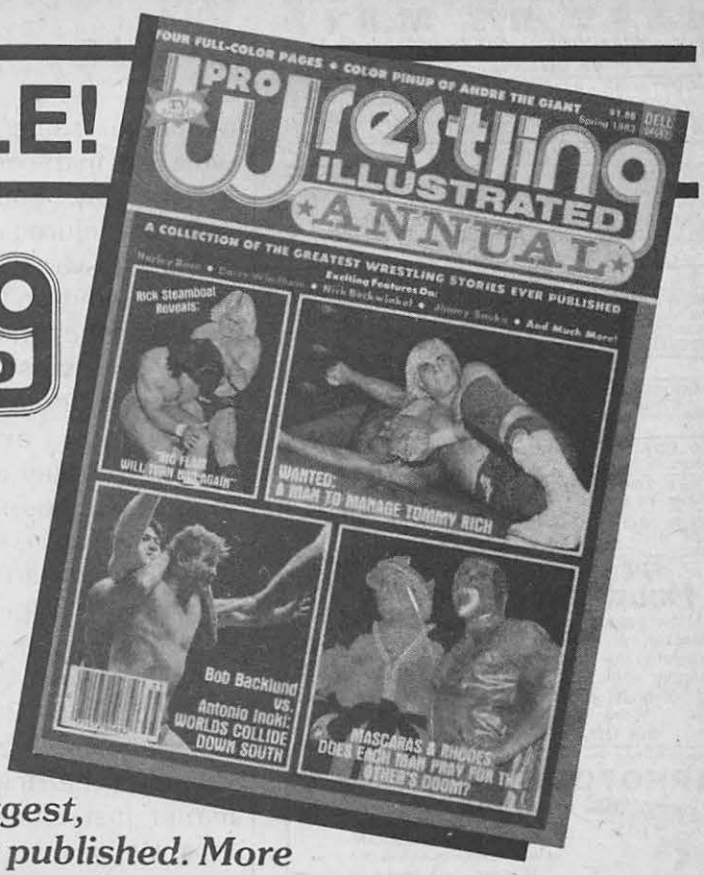
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Between Falls

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eliminate some of the best wrestlers in the area. In a recent match, Jay Youngblood was seriously injured and may never be able to wrestle again. What they're doing isn't fair! It's about time that the fans rallied behind those few wrestlers who have the guts to try to stop them.

Slaughter and Kernodle: When you play at a game too long, you're bound to lose. Right now Jay may be in the hospital, but that doesn't mean that you've won. When you messed with Jay, you messed with fire.

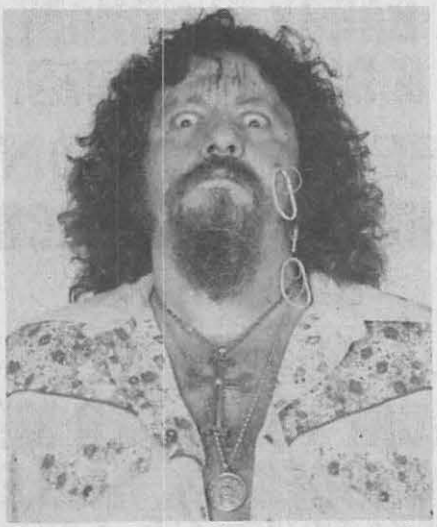
As for you, Jay, we're all behind you 200 percent! Hopefully you'll be able to step back into the ring soon. But no matter, just remember about the fans: We love you, Jay!

GINNY PEARSON
Columbia, SC

SAKS IS A LIAR

"There are two Captain Lou Albanos." Ha! That's a lie! Stu Saks wrote a bunch of lies in his "Dressing Room Confidential" column *(PWI/* January 1983).

Saks said that "there is a Captain Lou Albano who makes threats and is a slob." That part is true. Then he said that "there is an Albano who is a genius." I'll believe that when Albano kisses Jay Strongbow's feet.



Captain Lou Albano cannot be stopped, according to reader Dan Russo.

Will anyone ever stop the cheating, conniving ways of the Captain? I doubt it.

DAN RUSSO
Albion, NY

POWERFUL GROUP

I just want to say that I am very impressed with the wrestlers who have banded together in Georgia to get rid of the likes of "Mad Dog" Buzz Sawyer, Ivan Koloff, and Ole Anderson. I think Brad Armstrong, Johnny Rich, Tommy Rich, Paul Orndorff, and "Hacksaw" Butch Reed should be highly commended for taking on the most difficult job of cleaning up the Georgia area.

Johnny Rich, who is Wildfire Tommy Rich's cousin, is but one of the Georgia area fan favorites who have banded together against the likes of Buzz Sawyer and Ivan Koloff.

When you take these five wrestlers together, consider their collective talents, and think about the kind of competition they consistently face, you know for sure that they will be successful in dealing with Sawyer, Koloff, and the rest of them. Orndorff, Reed, Armstrong, and the Rich cousins are the most powerful group of wrestlers in the sport today. I'm happy to see them all together.

ABIGAIL VAN BOXMEER
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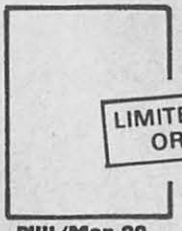

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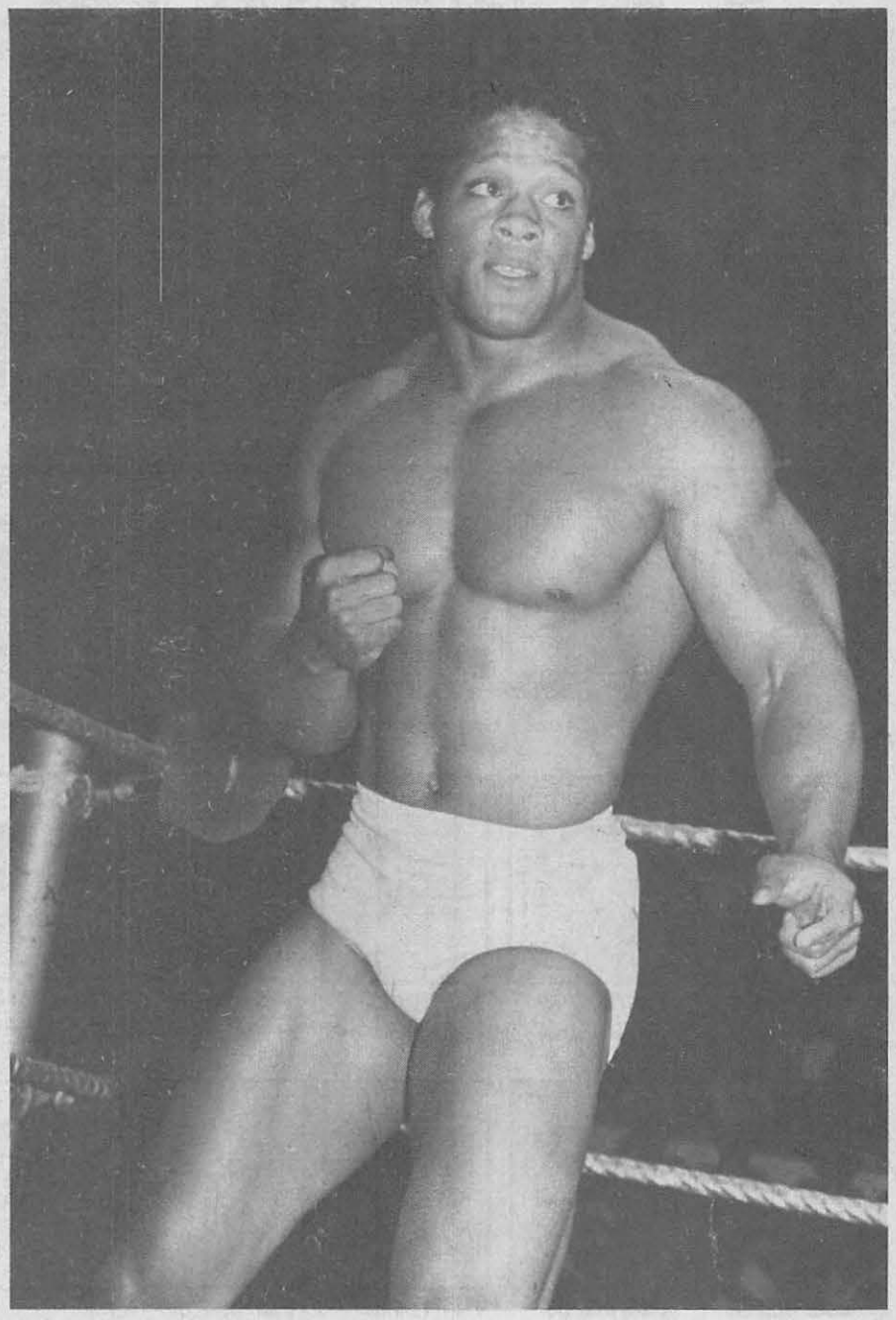

Tony Atlas is very much on guard these days. He knows Crazy Jim Duggan is capable of ending a wrestler's career, and he's not about to let it happen to him.

NWA champion Ric Flair and Greg Valentine sneak-attacked Roddy Piper on Mid-Atlantic TV wrestling. The pair rubbed Piper's face into the mat, causing very severe mat burns. Cowboy Bob Orton came to Roddy's aid and prevented further damage.

Tony Atlas' statement, "I want to cripple my opponent!" seems very much out of character, until you realize who the character is to whom Atlas is referring. Crazy Jim Duggan has destroyed the careers of an uncountable number of wrestlers and Atlas does not want to be the next victim. "If I don't bust up his bones, he'll bust up mine!" Atlas says.

Since Sgt. Slaughter and Don Kernodle have possession of the NWA tag team belts, people have wondered if Pvt. Nelson is jealous. "Of course not," Slaughter told us.

"If I order Nelson not to be jealous, he's not jealous."

Mid-America champion Bill Dundee is frustrated by the bounce-back ability of his top challenger, Bobby Eaton. "I have whipped him repeatedly and he still wants more title matches," Dundee explains. "He is a bull!"

Mid-America champion Bill Dundee admits he is surprised by the durability of his number one challenger, Bobby Eaton.

Superfly Snuka feels very secure now that he has gotten his first paycheck from manager Buddy Rogers. "I never got a penny from Lou Albano," Snuka says. "With the money from Rogers I can buy new clothes and go out and have some fun for the first time since I've come to the WWF. Buddy is a wonderful man."

Rick Martel had his leg injured in a match against Crusher Blackwell and was unable to wrestle at full capacity in his most recent match against AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel. "I could have cancelled the match," Martel said, "but the Minnesota fans have been so wonderful to me, I did not want to let them down." Martel won the match by disqualification.

That's all for now. See you at ringside. □

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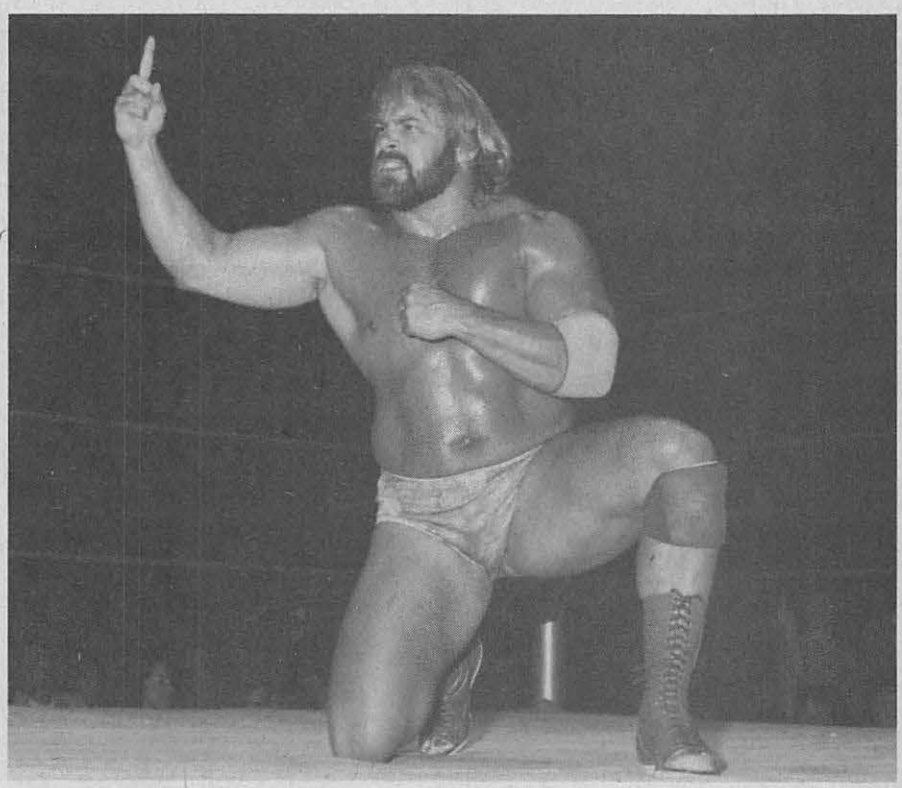

Sullivan's claim to being number one draws a singular response from the woman at ringside standing to the right of the ringpost. "When I succeed," he says, "I will be sitting near the throne of power. The world will be mine."

make your plane reservations?"

"Well, I called my travel agent Friday, but I don't think . . ."

"Of course, of course," Sullivan said quietly. "You don't think I had anything to do with it. Just as people don't think I have anything to do with Dusty Rhodes' recent troubles. Just as people don't think I control Jake Roberts. Look, King, destiny is marching forward and will soon trample the weak. There is no salvation. Just havoc. You think the meek will inherit the earth, don't you? Yes, they will. Because the meek will be trampled into the ground by a force that will overwhelm the universe. The earth they will inherit will be six feet deep and very cold."

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Sullivan shook his head slowly. "When I succeed, I won't have to worry about forgiveness from anyone. I will be sitting near the throne of power. The world will be mine."

Sullivan walked away, leaving me alone—and very frightened. ☐

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

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JIMMY SNUKA

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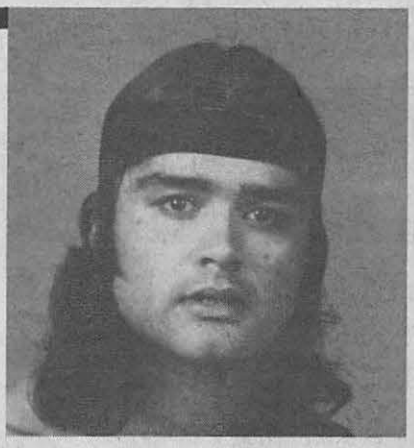

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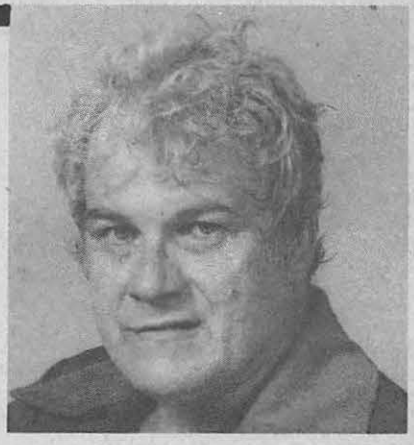

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Roddy Piper gained a lot of fans while still an announcer for "World Championship Wrestling" from Georgia. Piper established himself as a fine interviewer as he questioned such stars as the Super Destroyer.

me differently. Then it all exploded in my face.

"One night, or more likely one early morning, I was lying in bed, thinking about how nice it was to be in Georgia. The people liked me. They needed me. Then, my stomach knotted and I began to shiver. Those people needed me *too* much. I felt closer to crying than any time since I was out of diapers. I don't think I've ever been as scared as I was at that moment. The next afternoon I filled a thermos with coffee, got in my car, and started driving. I had no idea where I was going. I just knew I had to flee."

For the first time, Piper looked at me. I felt I was being examined for something, it was important he find something in my face. Rather than change my expression to what I thought he wanted, I just let my face assume its natural pose. That must have satisfied him, because he continued.

"I went to North Carolina and started to wrestle there. The fans had seen me on television and were immediately in my corner. They expected things from me and I found myself wanting to please them.

Don't ever let anyone tell you a crowd's cheers are meaningless. They can come to mean more than anything else. There comes a moment when you're afraid you need those cheers more than anything else. For a man intent to go it alone, that's the scariest feeling on earth."

Piper stared at me again, then got up and walked out. There was a crowd waiting for him, asking for autographs and begging to hear him talk. He didn't disappoint them. He was his wonderful braggart self, promising and vowing and daring and taunting. The crowd loved it. He seemed to love it. Was I the only one who saw the sorrow in his eyes? □

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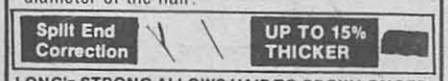

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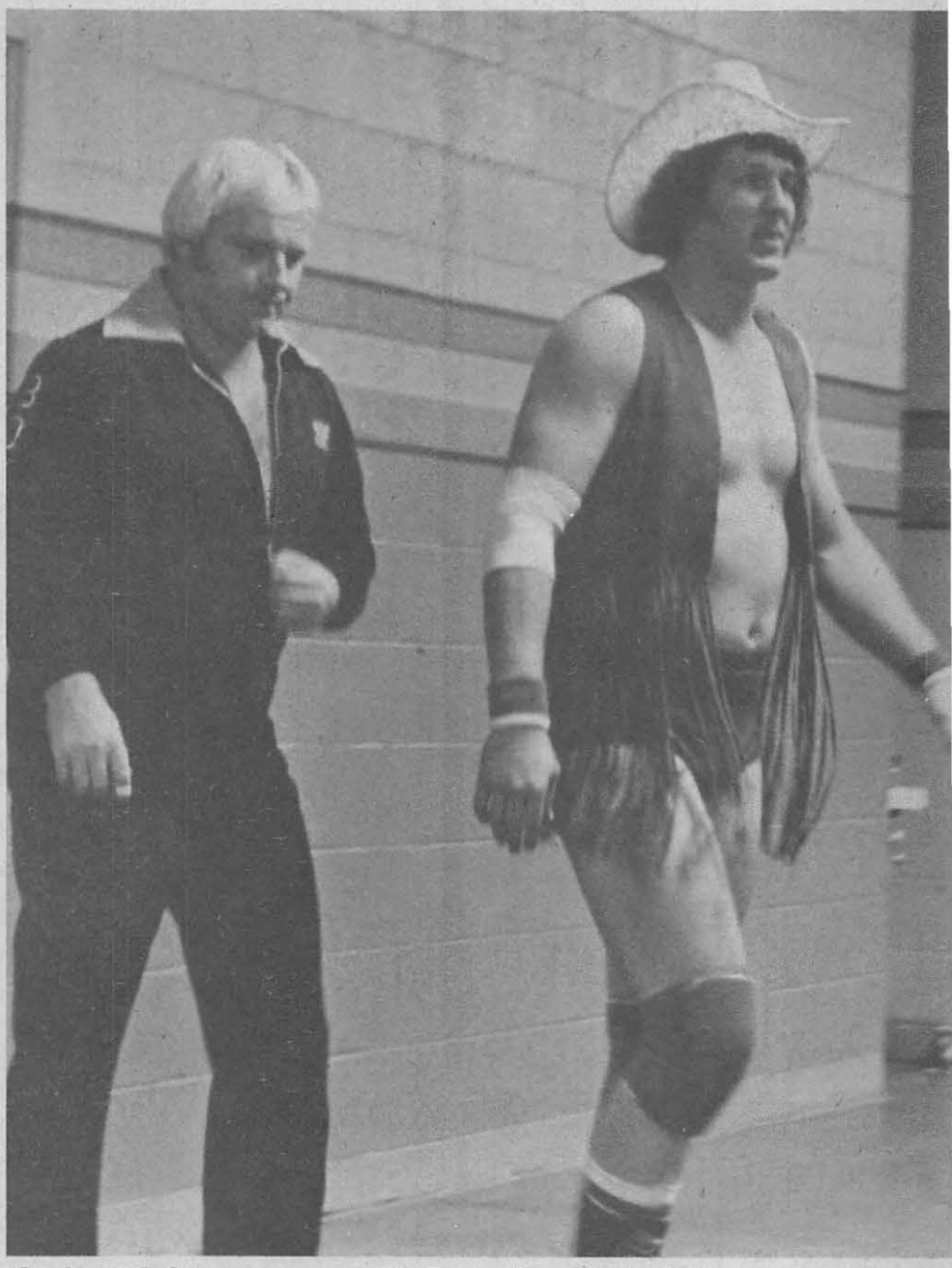

Cowboy Bob Orton was managed by Bobby Heenan in the AWA several years ago, but Heenan also failed to guide Orton to a major championship. Orton is a man with abundant talent, but he needs the proper manager to help him utilize that talent. Sir Oliver Humperdink would like to try to be that manager, but Orton has wisely declined to accept the infamous manager's offer.

large enough to fit a fat red-haired manager through: It seems that Humperdink's so-called contract contains only one signature, that of a fat red-haired manager. "We had a verbal agreement," Humperdink said. "This issue is far from settled."

Humperdink said he had spoken to his attorney about the case, but he would not elaborate further on what legal action he might take.

Though he doesn't care to admit it, Humperdink made a bad mistake in announcing his signing of Orton prematurely. Orton, who left the WWF somewhat disturbed at the Grand Wizard over what he felt was an inordinate amount of attention the Wizard was paying to number-one contender Superstar Graham, is hesitant at this point in his career to enter into another

manager/wrestler relationship. Humperdink's arrogant announcement, coupled with his subsequent talk of legal action, has angered Orton.

He won't even talk to Humperdink, let alone negotiate with him. Orton finds Humperdink's bold assumption that he would be honored to be part of his stable of rulebreakers degrading. Bob Orton won't be degraded by any man. So, in spite of Orton's past demonstrations of contempt for wrestling fans and the men wrestling fans choose to stand behind, it didn't take much prodding on the part of Jimmy Valiant, Roddy Piper, Rick Steamboat, and the Briscos to join the anti-Humperdink force, which has become known as the Mid-Atlantic Homewreckers. Orton doesn't even seem to mind the fans' adoration, as long as they are adoring him for his efforts against Humperdink's men.

"I'm glad I didn't sign Orton," Humperdink said, though hardly convincingly. "By not joining the House of Humperdink, Orton has only demonstrated his stupidity. I presented him with the opportunity to gain power and financial rewards that he could never have dreamed of before. If he doesn't want what's best for him, he's stupid. And if he's stupid, I have very little use for him."

Orton is far from stupid. He simply doesn't want his career to be dominated by the overbearing Humperdink. More than one wrestler has left Humperdink after feeling he was being overwhelmed by the manager's influence. Perhaps if Humperdink had waited for Orton to come into the Mid-Atlantic, then sat down and negotiated with him, he might have been able to come to terms with one of the finest wrestlers around today.

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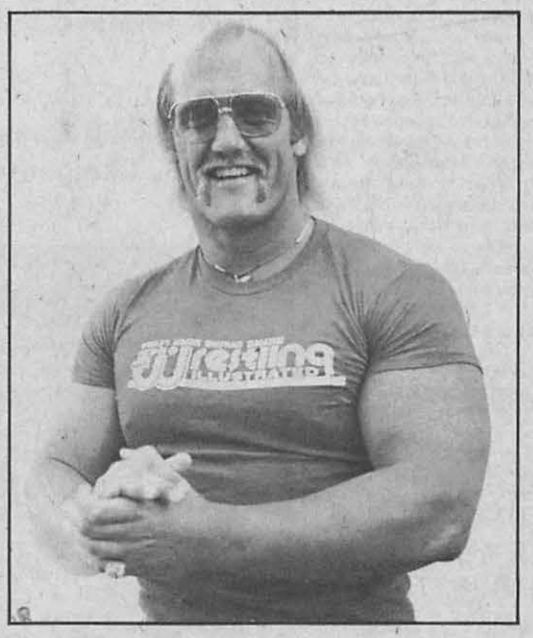

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COUNTIS: Do you have any intention of managing them?

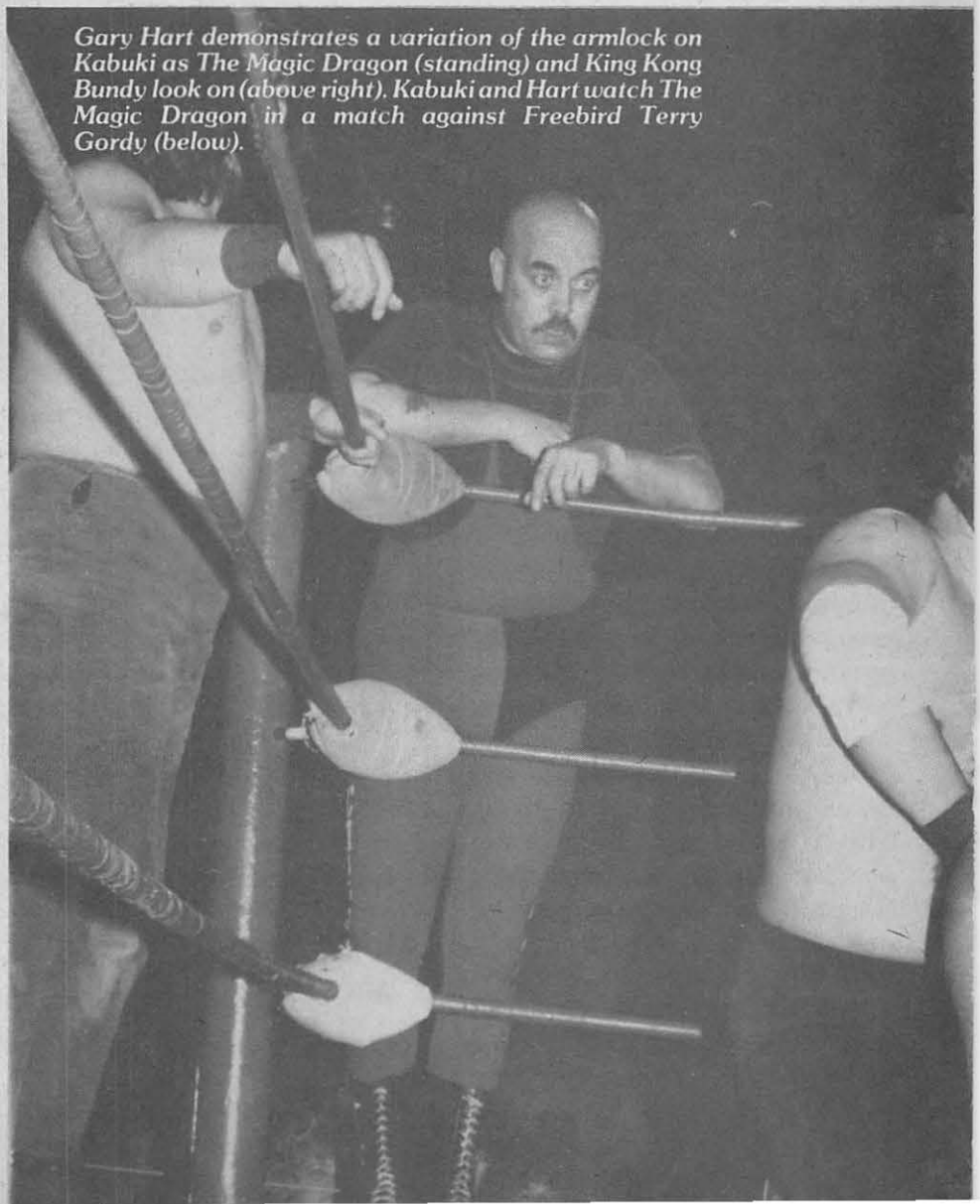
HART: I keep my intentions to myself.

HUNTER: That explains a good deal. Maybe you can also explain why your wrestlers are so often disqualified because you've interfered in their matches?

HART: I only help my man when the referee is illegally trying to help the opponent. As everyone knows, there's a conspiracy against my wrestlers that stinks to high heaven. I do what I can to stop it.

FARHOOD: Do you think anybody believes that?

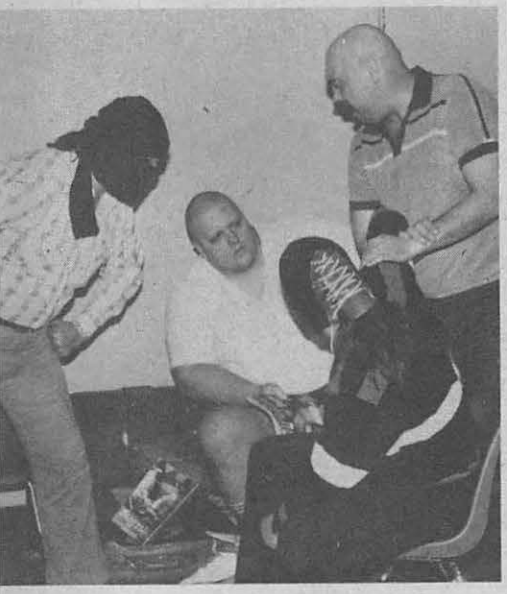
HART: Do you think anyone will notice your two front teeth are gone? We can find out quick.

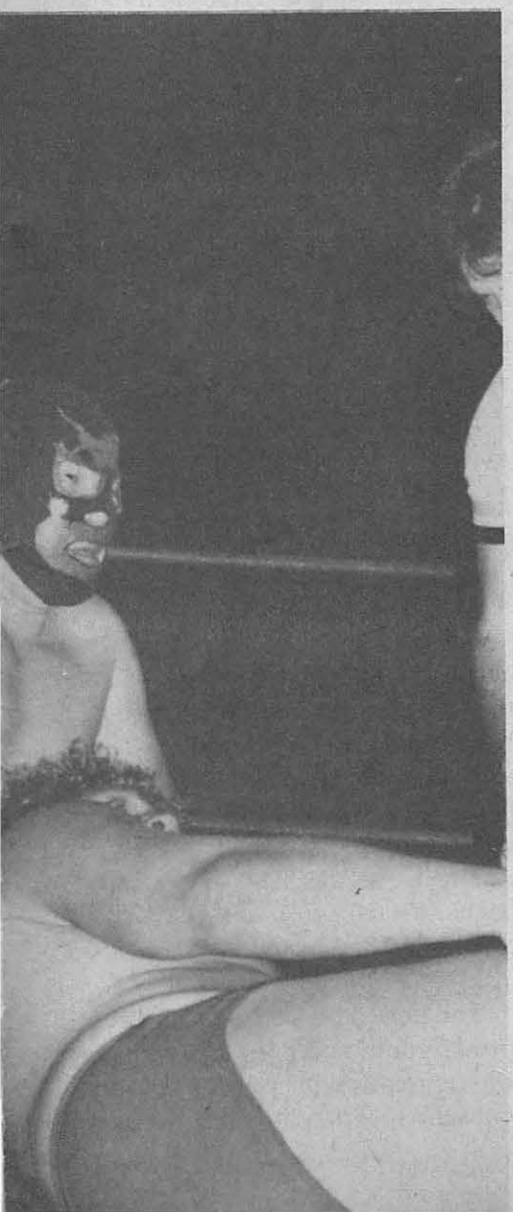


Gary Hart demonstrates a variation of the armlock on Kabuki as The Magic Dragon (standing) and King Kong Bundy look on (above right). Kabuki and Hart watch The Magic Dragon in a match against Freebird Terry Gordy (below).

FARHOOD: You know and I know you're not going to hit me. We might as well end this now. Thanks for your time.

HART: Thanks for nothing. □





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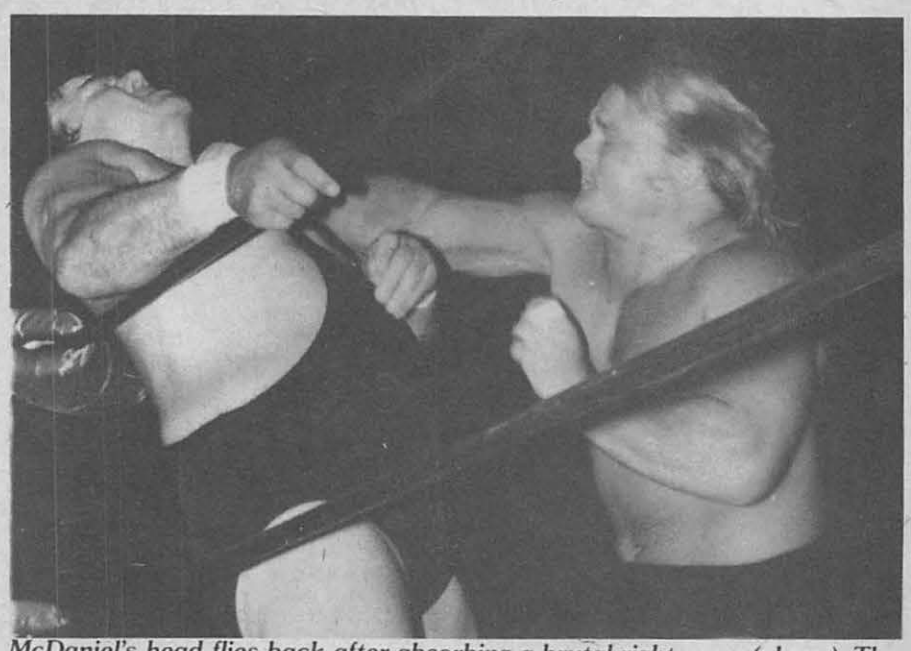
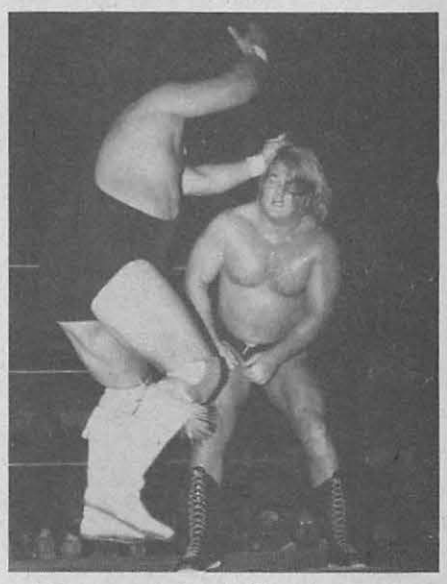


McDaniel's head flies back after absorbing a brutal right cross (above). The champion opens a severe gash on his challenger's head with a series of karate chops (below). Valentine, flanked by manager Humperdink and stablemate Jos LeDuc, pose with the U.S. championship belt (opposite right).

Valentine, was the guest of honor at a party thrown by his manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink. Valentine was giddy with glory, waving the title belt in the air and demanding everyone be awed by it. If anyone dared not worship in front of the belt, Valentine would threaten them.

"You saw what I did to McDaniel," he'd warn, "and I could hurt you a lot worse with a lot less trouble. Now, peasant, on your knees and bow to the king, the new U.S. king, the man who dethroned Wahoo McDaniel."

The crowd did as it was told, for Valentine and Humperdink don't choose their friends on the basis of integrity. Humperdink sat in a corner, watched the display of bully ego, and smiled. This was the first step. Like a cunning barbarian out to destroy a civilization, Humperdink had plans. He'd use Valentine to destroy the Mid-Atlantic wrestling establishment. Humperdink would control it all, call the shots and dictate policy. An empire was about to be built on the ashes of Mid-Atlantic wrestling.



Humperdink left the party early. He had planning to do the next day, planning that requires a keen mind and rested body. There was so much to do and so much to gain. A good general always leaves the victory party before his warriors. It was law in various barbarian tribes.

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The next day, Wahoo stood at a press conference. Every muscle was tensed, as if he were holding himself together by will. There

were things he had to say, and this was the time he had to say them. Everyone wished they could do something to make it easier for Wahoo, but everyone knew that was impossible.

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"I'm going to avenge the humiliation I've suffered. As long as there is breath in my body, I won't allow Humperdink to gain control. We all know what he wants. His ambition is ugly and it stinks. The future of wrestling depends on him being honorably defeated. My entire career is now dedicated to that purpose.

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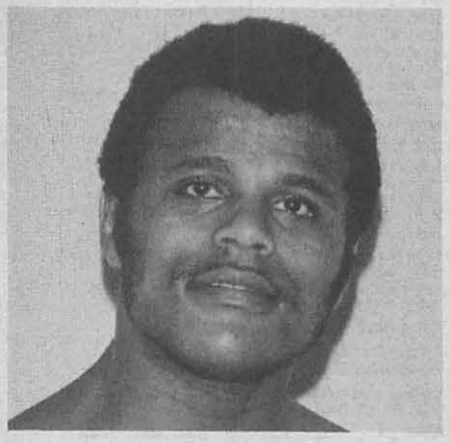

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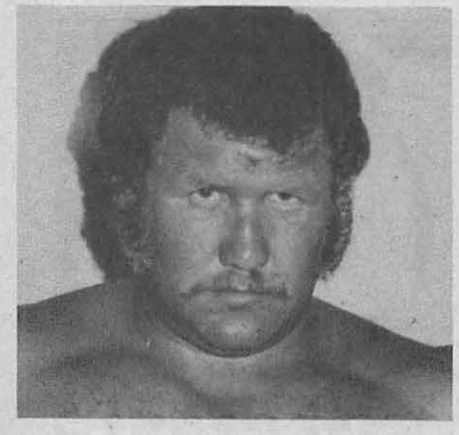

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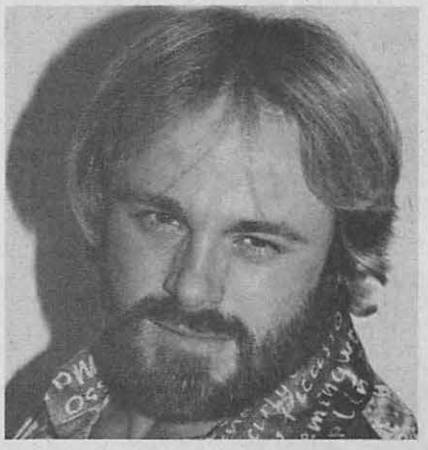

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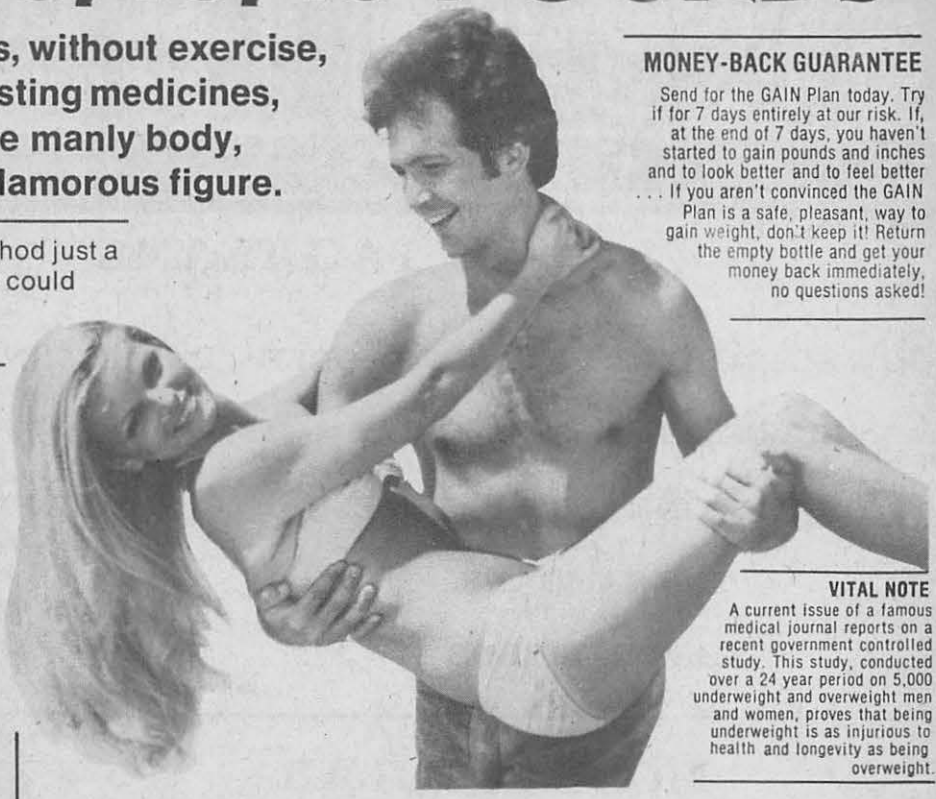

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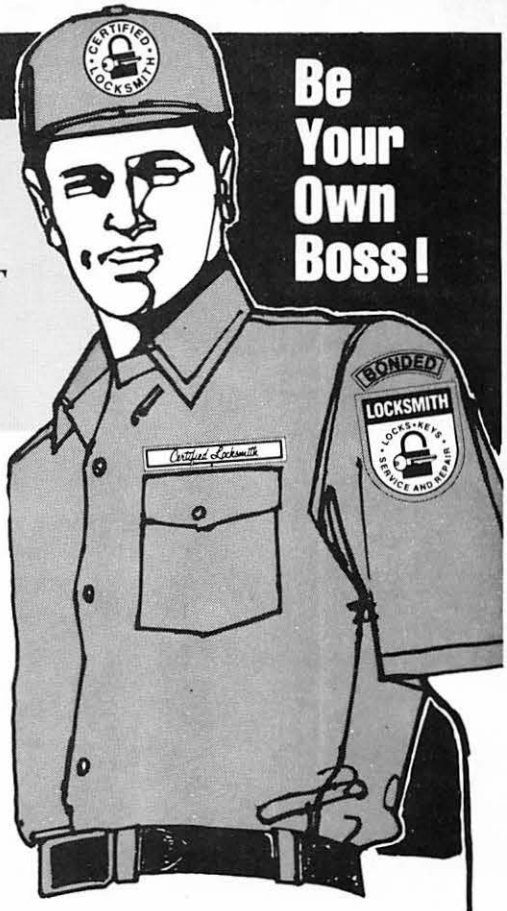

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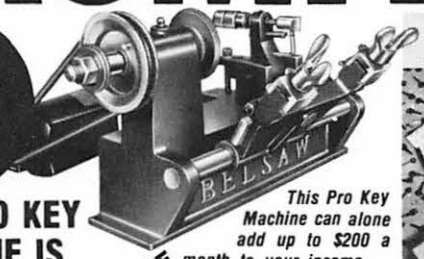

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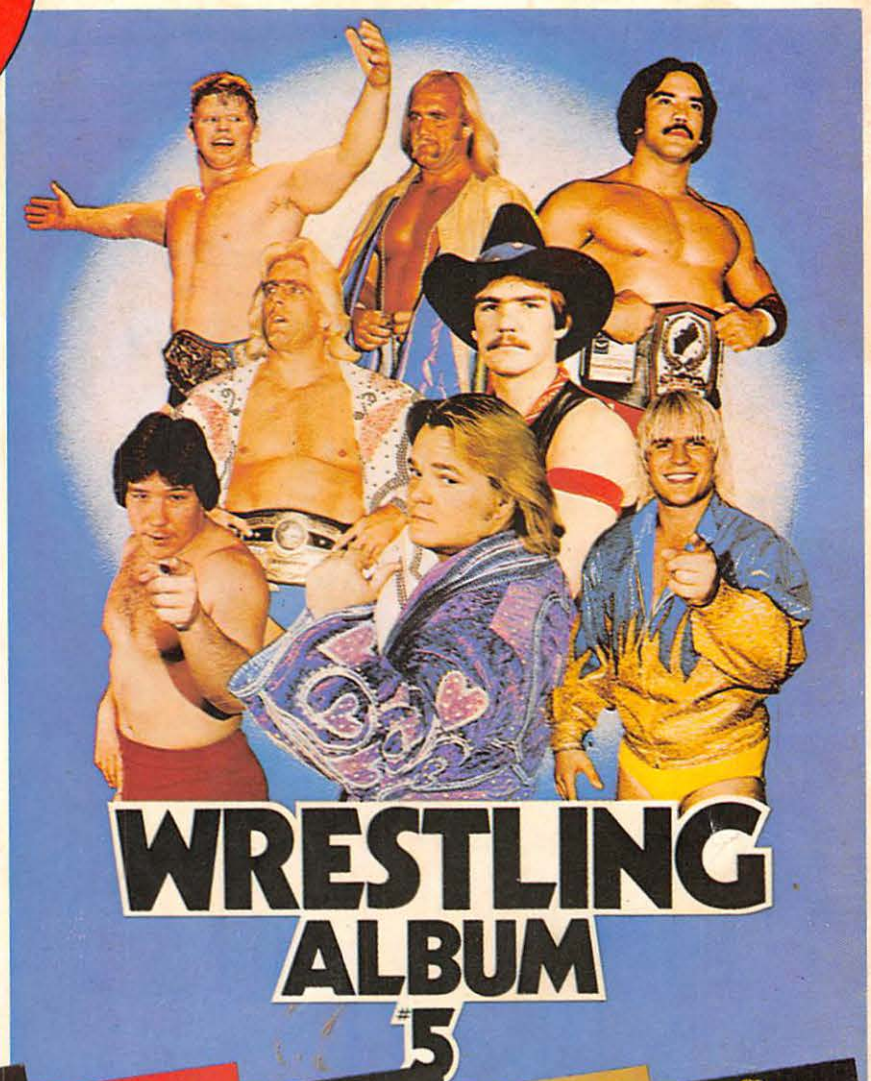
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